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# DEADLY COLLISION WITH GO-KART

**An RCMP officer photographs a crashed go-kart that collided with a trailer towed by a pickup truck on 256 Street at 124 Avenue in Maple Ridge on Wednesday. The 33-year-old driver was taken to Royal Columbian Hospital and later died of his injuries. The RCMP and BC Coroner's Service are investigating.** SHANE MACKICHAN/FOR METRO

## Happy Easter!

Metro will not be publishing on Good Friday. We'll be back on Monday!

## AG's carbon-plan analysis slammed

Discrediting the discreditor: Liberal government says Doyle ignored evidence and isn't qualified to critique reduction plan PAGE 4

## Man, you look stylish

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Poonam Randhawa
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# B.C. teen told killer she wasn't afraid

**Sentencing.** Man accused of killing his ex-girlfriend pleaded guilty 14 years later

With a gun pointed at her head, Poonam Randhawa stared up at her ex-boyfriend from the back seat of his friend's car and laid down a challenge just before he ended her life.

"I'm not scared of you, go ahead, shoot me," the 18-year-old told the man.

With that, Ninderjit Singh made good on his threat to do exactly that if she didn't tell him "the truth" about her infidelity.

Fourteen years after the murder, details of the Vancouver teen's "point-blank" killing and how the man evaded police for over a decade were recounted Wednesday at Singh's B.C. Supreme Court sentencing hearing.

The man, who was hunted and finally tracked down in California in August 2011, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder in a plea deal earlier this month.

Noting a range of aggravating factors, the Crown has asked a judge to sentence Singh to life in prison with no parole eligibility for 17 to 20 years.

Randhawa was killed in a premeditated act by her former longtime boyfriend because he believed she was cheating on him, the court heard.

"He murdered her because she didn't show the respect he believed he was entitled to, because he believed she had made a fool of him in the eyes of his friends," said Crown lawyer Sandra Cunningham.

Court heard that on the day of the slaying, Singh asked a friend to drive him to find Randhawa, who had recently ended a two-year relationship with Singh. They finally spotted her in a friend's car, and he demanded she come talk to him inside the vehicle.

The friend, who obtained an immunity agreement, recalled a loud conversation between the pair that concluded with Singh half-standing over the teen threatening to shoot.

There was a single bang, and the sound of shattering glass.

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# We learn about the birds and the bees, but what about eggs?

**Fertility.** UBC study reveals most people don't know a woman's eggs are as old as she is

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Like sands through the hourglass, these are the eggs of our lives — but chances are you didn't know that.

A recent UBC study reveals that more than half of women and 66 per cent of men don't realize a woman's eggs are as old as she is, and men's particular lack of knowledge about fertility may be contributing to the trend of delayed childbearing.

UBC counselling psychology professor Dr. Judith Daniluk said her findings are troubling considering the birth rate for women over 40 has more than tripled in the last 10 years, and the average age a Canadian woman has her first child is now 30.

"We're talking about more people having babies at that age, but also more people having to rely on third-party reproduction — donor egg or donor sperm — and in vitro fertilization," she said.

"Women and men look at these movie stars who are in their 40s and even their 50s and they say, 'Look at them — they're in good health, and they're having kids.' But they don't realize that those movie stars are using donor eggs — the eggs of a young woman."

Fewer than half the people surveyed knew that a man's age is also an important factor in a couple's chances of becoming pregnant. Sperm count decreases with age along with motility, while the number of abnormal sperm increases.

So how old is too old?

It's not an exact science, but Daniluk said a women's fertility drops dramatically after age 37, to just over 10 per cent per month. There is also a growing body of evidence that rates of autism, learning disabilities and schizophrenia increase among babies fathered by men older than 45.

Her key message is that fertility tests for both women and men can help avoid later costly procedures, complications, birth defects and heartache.

**More online**

- The website myfertilitychoices.com is dedicated to helping people navigate tricky questions surrounding fertility and conception, including what to do when a couple is at odds about when or if to have babies.

Mothers play with their children in Hastings Mill Park on Wednesday. A recent UBC study reveals that more than half of women and 66 per cent of men don't realize a woman's eggs are as old as she is, and men's particular lack of knowledge about fertility may be contributing to the trend of delayed childbearing. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Consulate 'blacklisting' pro-union farm workers: Petition

Mexico's consulate in Vancouver has been "blacklisting" pro-union Mexican farm workers so they cannot return to work in B.C., says a union petition filed with the court.

"The Mexican consulate's disdain for trade unions is pervasive and institutionalized," claims the court documents recently filed by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1518, which has been trying to unionize Mexican farm workers at a nursery and blueberry farm in the Fraser Valley since 2008.

The union claims the consulate "for a number of years (has) waged a concerted battle to rid B.C." of pro-union Mexican workers and "has blacklisted numerous workers who are now deprived of the Canadian income to which they would otherwise have access."

**Claim**

**"The Mexican consulate's disdain for trade unions is pervasive and institutionalized."**

Claim made in the court documents recently filed by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1518, which has been trying to unionize Mexican farm workers at a nursery and blueberry farm in the Fraser Valley since 2008.

The union also claims that employers phone the consulate to report Mexican workers who are pro-union and those workers are not allowed by Mexico to return to work in B.C.

Mexico chooses which workers are allowed to come to B.C. as part of the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program, and the Canadian consulate in Mexico City issues the work permits, the union claims in its legal action.

The petition filed in B.C. Supreme Court against Mexico claims the country is interfering in the union's activities to protect the charter rights of workers in B.C. NEAL HALL/THE CANADIAN PRESS, EXCLUSIVELY FOR METRO

# Province rejects auditor general's carbon plan finding

**Environment.**
**'We reject entirely his conclusion that the offsets he examined are not credible': Minister**

A delayed, discredited but highly anticipated environmental audit of the British Columbia government's carbon-cutting program by auditor general John Doyle says the pollution-reduction plan isn't credible.

The audit drew immediate fire from the government and operators of the program who accused Doyle of ignoring evidence and lacking proper expertise to examine the carbon-trading system.

"We concluded that the provincial government has not met its objective of achieving a carbon-neutral public sector," said Doyle's report.

"An Audit of Carbon Neutral Government," was released Wednesday after a series of earlier leaks prompted the Speaker of the legislature to delay its release for one day.

Doyle's report said Crown-owned Pacific Carbon Trust, formed to ensure the province reaches its goal of carbon neutrality, has not purchased credible carbon offsets and it paid above-market rates for the carbon offsets it purchased.

"Government is reporting on its efforts to reduce emissions and its progress in achieving a carbon neutral government," stated the audit. "However, the PCT has not provided sufficient information in its reporting about the cost and quality of its purchases."

But barely an hour after the release of Doyle's report, B.C. Environment Minister Terry Lake called a news conference to dismiss its conclusions.

"We reject entirely his conclusion that the offsets he examined are not credible," said Lake.

He noted that international carbon experts have endorsed B.C.'s carbon purchasing and measuring methods, while one of Doyle's independent expert advisers, University of Ottawa Prof. Stewart Elgie, quit due to concerns about the audit's direction. The Pacific Carbon Trust board of governors issued a statement critical of the report just as Doyle's audit was released.

"The board of directors takes its governance responsibilities extremely seriously and we are concerned by the findings and statements in this report," said the statement. "We are most concerned that the conclusions are contrary to the auditing opinions provided by eight other independent expert bodies that reviewed these carbon offset projects."

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B.C. auditor general John Doyle
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# ALF claims vandalism on Real Housewife's boutique

Glass House Couture, a boutique owned by Real Housewives of Vancouver star Jody Claman, was attacked by the Animal Liberation Front last Friday. METRO FILE

Animal-rights activists have claimed responsibility for an attack on a West Vancouver boutique owned by a Real Housewives of Vancouver (RHOV) star.

Last Friday, vandals painted the front of Jody Claman's shop Glass House Couture with the words ALF, shorthand for the animal rights group Animal Liberation Front. They also reportedly sprayed a noxious-smelling substance inside, which has caused the store to close for nearly a week.

Because of the content of the tag, rumours quickly spread that ALF was behind the attack, but the group remained silent on the issue — until Wednesday.

"In response to these killers (supporters of the fur trade) we returned to Vancouver to visit another house of horrors, the Glass House," reads a cutting ALF release.

"If we ever find fur in your store again or on your stupid show we'll see you at home next time."

Claman, who is an avid supporter of SANS animal sanctuary in Northern B.C. and observes a vegetarian diet, says she has "no idea" why she was targeted.

Well, she has some idea.

"Mary Zilba (Claman's reality TV nemesis) has a great platform to make all sorts of false accusations on the show about me," she said in a phone interview, referring to a recent episode of RHOV in which Zilba accused Claman of selling fur in her store.

ALF seems to have taken the housewife's comment to heart, calling Claman a "notorious animal abuser" who "supports and promotes the abuse, torture and murder of tens of thousands of innocent furry animals on her stupid TV show."

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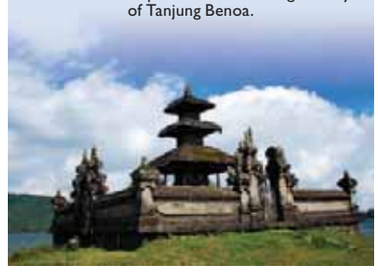

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## Home sales. Housing market will be sluggish until 2015: Report

Home sales in B.C. will bottom out in the first quarter of this year and won't fully recover until 2015, a new report says.

The report by Credit 1 projects that last year's 12-year low of 64,400 homes sold will be exceeded by this year's predicted 64,200.

Credit 1 economist Brian Yu said buyers are demanding lower prices, in part because of a slow economy, while sellers are holding out for higher prices. Other factors include low employment and population growth and tighter mortgage restrictions pushing first-time buyers out of the market.

"Some of those first-time buyers saw what they were able to afford drop off," Yu said.

He said it will take years for the market to improve. "The recovery period will be quite modest, very slight gains," he said. "What we're really waiting for in this environment is the economy to pick up."

LIAM BRITTEN/METRO

Driver suspended

### Police investigating bus confrontation

A Greyhound bus driver has been suspended after a passenger was allegedly assaulted en route to Calgary from Vancouver. Early on Saturday, the driver noticed a passenger was missing as he prepared to leave Penticton, a company spokesperson said. He honked the horn and the passenger came back to the bus, but as he stepped aboard, he verbally confronted the driver, the spokesman said. The driver reportedly felt threatened and a wrangle ensued. With the passenger aboard, the driver continued on to Kelowna, where police were called. Police and the company are investigating.

ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

# Brewers 'growling' about new tax on craft brew

**Refillable jugs.**
Tax discourages local entrepreneurs: NDP

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Rick Dellow of R&B Brewing Co. has vowed to absorb the new tax on growlers and not raise prices. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Amid a series of updates to B.C.'s antiquated liquor laws, a new tax threatens to put a cap on a growing trend in the province's burgeoning craft-beer industry: refillable jugs known as "growlers."

Starting on April 1, the 1.8-litre jugs that craft-brew guzzlers have grown to love will be treated like traditional six-packs, adding about 30 cents to every growler refill.

The provincial NDP calls it an unfair tax on small business that will "make life harder for a growing industry."

"We see many of these brewers starting to grow in communities around B.C., and to see a government that wants to in any way impede that is really counterintuitive and counterproductive," NDP liquor policy critic Maurine Karagianis said at a news conference on Wednesday.

The B.C. craft-beer industry is booming, and growlers are playing a big part in the trend. This year alone, at least four new breweries will open in the historic Brewery Creek district of lower Mount Pleasant, and all four will fill growlers with their draft, according to an article by local beer blogger Chuck Hallett.

Nigel Springthorpe and his brewmaster, Conrad Gmoser, will open Brassneck Brewery on Main Street this summer, with a focus on the growler market.

"One thing that's really cool about the growler is you have to go to the brewery to get it filled up," Gmoser said. "Anything that encourages people to visit their local brewery, to me, is a good thing. It forms a bit more of a personal relationship with the beer that you buy."

Springthorpe, who runs a craft-beer pub in Gastown, said he might have considered a different location and concept for his new brewery had he known about the tax changes. "If there was some consultation before things changed, everyone would understand the changes and make some different decisions," he said.

Rick Dellow, the R in R&B Brewing Co., said his company will start filling growlers over the next few weeks despite the new tax. He said the brewery will absorb the extra cost, rather than pass it on to consumers.

If the NDP wins the election in May, Karagianis said the party will eliminate the tax.

"The government should not be taking punitive action for brewers like R&B," she said.

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# Conservative revolt?
## Anti-abortion MPs say Harper's muzzling them

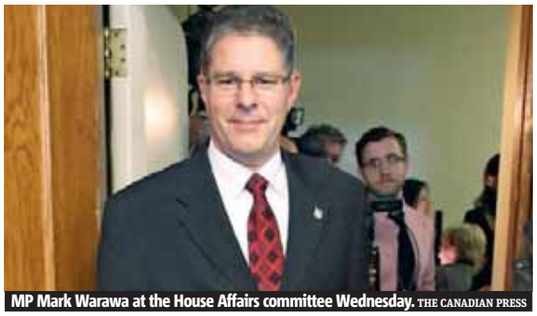
Conservative MPs are grappling with the issue of party control and freedom of speech in Parliament after some of their colleagues complained they're being muzzled.

The subject was discussed at the weekly caucus meeting.

Vancouver-area Conservative Mark Warawa has complained to the Speaker of the House of Commons that his right to make statements on a subject of his choice before question period has been stifled. The PM does not want to reopen the abortion debate. MP Stephen Woodworth says keeping the issue closed is trumping freedom of debate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Respect of process**

**Pro-life Conservative Daryl Kramp said MPs studying the matter at a Commons committee should be permitted to finish their work.**



MP Mark Warawa at the House Affairs committee Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Supreme Court sets rules on text-message interception

**Privacy rights.**
Special wiretap orders needed before police can intercept texts, not ordinary search warrants

Police need special wiretap orders — not just ordinary search warrants — to intercept cellphone text messages as part of criminal investigations, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Wednesday.

In a 5-2 split decision, the court sided with wireless carrier Telus by agreeing that text messaging is essentially another form of conversation and should receive the same protection to which private communications are entitled under the Criminal Code.

"Text messaging is, in essence, an electronic conversation," Justice Rosalie Abella wrote for the majority of the court.

"Technical differences inherent in new technology should not determine the scope of protection afforded to private communications.

"The only practical difference between text messaging and traditional voice communications is the transmission process. This distinction should not take text messages outside the protection to which private communications are entitled," Justice Abella wrote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Ruling**

**"We see it as a robust vindication of privacy rights in the digital age."**
Abby Deshman of The Canadian Civil Liberties Association

The Supreme Court says texting should receive the same protection as private communications. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Cyclists create wills so cops don't wait for death to investigate

**New York.** Bike riders say traffic collisions don't receive prompt investigations by NYPD

ALISON BOWEN
Metro World News in New York

Some cyclists in New York are sure police would drag their feet before investigating traffic collisions that left them mortally wounded — so sure that they are creating wills to fix that.

The environmental advocacy group Time's Up! is collecting what they call living wills, online videos in which New Yorkers ask the NYPD to launch a full investigation if they are fatally struck.

About 25 bikers have submitted wills so far, said Keegan Stephan, a Brooklyn-based cyclist and Time's Up! volunteer.

"The videos are a little chilling," said Stephan, 29. His will asks for an investigative report to be released to the public.

"To me, this is no different than being an organ donor," he said. "If something ... happens to me, I'd at least like it to help save the life of someone else."

Previously, the NYPD only investigated crashes in which the victim died or was likely to die. Many argued this meant no evidence was collected, even if someone was severely injured or did ultimately die.

Earlier this month, the NYPD announced they would also investigate serious injuries.

**Case study**

**Clara Heyworth, 28, was hit by a car in July 2011 as she stepped across a street.**

- Her husband, Jacob Stevens, sued the NYPD, which he said did not do enough to investigate the case.
- Heyworth did not die at the scene, but later succumbed to her injuries. A delay in the investigation meant a lot of evidence was missed, Stevens said.
- The driver was charged but not sentenced to jail time.

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# Cyprus limits bank transfers, ups security

**Emergency measures.** Banks open today after new tax imposed on large accounts

Cyprus has imposed limits on money transfers and hired extra security guards as it prepares for the planned reopening today of its banks, which have been closed for almost two weeks to avoid a bank run during the country's financial drama.

A banking official said Wednesday that new controls will include restrictions on large-scale transfers from the country's two largest and most troubled lenders, Bank of Cyprus and Laiki. Both are being restructured and big depositors face losses of up to 40 per cent.

A woman uses an ATM outside of a closed bank in Cyprus. The country agreed to trim its banking sector in order to raise enough money to qualify for a bailout loan.

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Authorities are looking to increase the daily withdrawal limit from 100 euros to 300 euros (from $130 to $386), while payroll payments will be allowed in order to help businesses, which have taken a huge hit as people cut down on their spending amid the uncertainty swirling about the banks.

The restrictions will be kept for at least a week until the situation stabilizes, said an official.

Meanwhile, private security firm G4S will dispatch 180 of its staff to all bank branches on the island to keep a lid on any possible trouble, said John Argyrou, managing director of the firm's Cypriot arm.

Cyprus's banking sector grew to nearly eight times the size of the country's economy, mainly on the back of substantial deposits from Russia, sparking accusations the country was being used by Russian criminals to launder their money.

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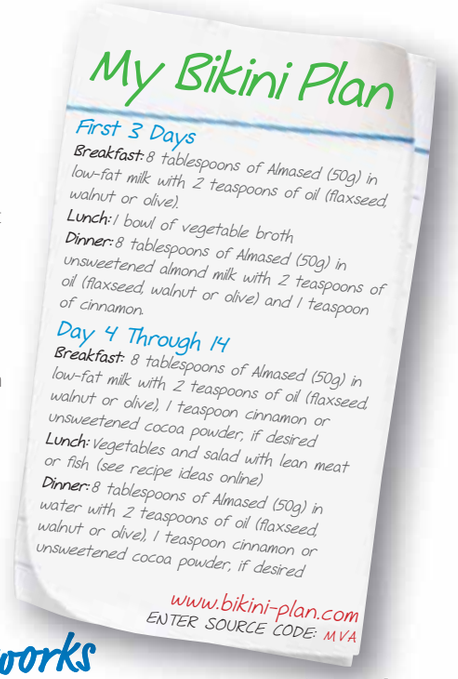


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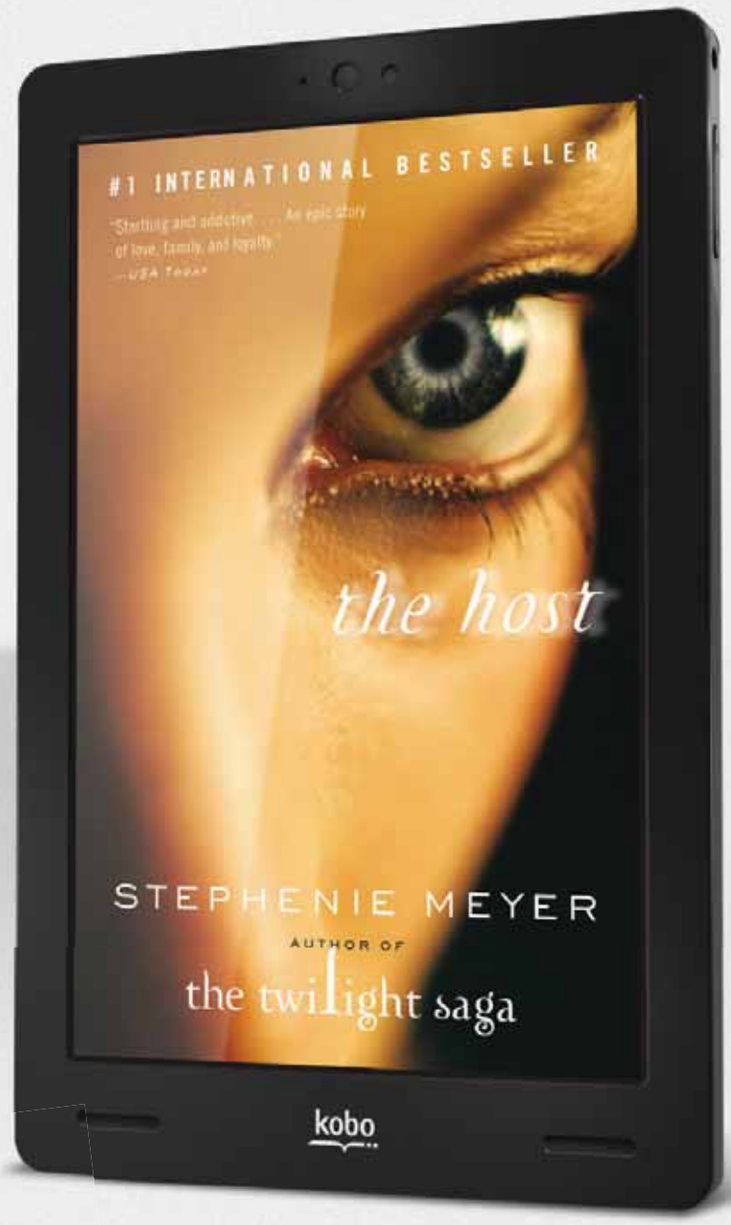


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The one-month increase lifted the Canadian annual inflation rate by 0.7 point, also to 1.2 per cent, reversing a trend that had reduced annual inflation to 0.5 per cent in January, the lowest in more than three years.

Economists had expected inflation to start edging up, particularly as gasoline prices were known to have risen, but their best estimate was for a year-to-year increase of 0.8 per cent and a month-to-month increase of 0.7 per cent.

Despite the one-month inflation shock, analysts said Canadians had little to worry about and that the Bank of Canada will likely discount the report as an anomaly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A steep increase in gasoline prices from January to February helped drive up consumer prices in Canada by a surprisingly strong 1.2 per cent.
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# HEY, FANS, CAN I HITCH A RIDE?

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**John Mazerolle**
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Forgive me, true-blue Blue Jays fans, for I have sinned. It has been 20 years since my last celebration. But this Prodigal Fan has returned, contrite, and ready to brush the home plate clean. I'm sorry.

I feel bad because I haven't cheered on the Jays since I was a teenager, way back when a major-league team could win a baseball championship without spending enough money to bail out Cyprus.

Twenty years ago, the Jays had an unusual nickname for a Toronto team: "winners." But after peaking in the early 1990s, the team settled into a couple of decades of mediocrity, like the baseball equivalent of The Simpsons, and I emphatically leapt from the bandwagon. Sorry.

Fast forward all the way to this off-season and the Blue Jays are finally expected to soar, because of a little thing called heart. Also: 70 googelty-gillion dollars, give or take. If you took all the $100 bills the Blue Jays have spent this off-season on new players and placed them end to end, you could flog a bunch of man-servants and order them to push the money into a big pile for you to swim in. That's how much money it is.

When I saw that the team was serious about winning, I jumped back on the Jays' bandwagon and bought a 20-ticket package. I feel guilty about it, but try to understand that this bandwagon has cool-looking spoilers and fancy rims and a lift kit that bounces to the bass of the OK Blue Jays song. I'm so sorry.

Here's why I feel so guilty: As the frequent readers of this column know, I am a die-hard hockey fan of the sort who can tell you exactly where I was May 10, 1970, when Bobby Orr sailed through the air after scoring the Stanley Cup-winning goal for my Boston Bruins. That's right — I didn't exist yet.

So, bad example. But the point is I know when it happened, I know who passed him the puck, I know who the goalie was, I can name most of the team that fell on top of him even though I didn't start cheering for the logo on the sweater until two decades later.

I live and breathe the Boston Bruins. Wins improve my mood, losses sting like a puck in the shins.

The Blue Jays? Well, as I was writing this a friend asked me if I would join a fantasy baseball league. I laughed because I know nothing. To me, fantasy baseball is running the bases in slow motion and making out with Scarlett Johansson when I reach home plate.

Hence my guilt: I feel like I haven't earned the right to call myself a baseball fan. I haven't learned enough, and I haven't suffered enough.

But, in the end, that's why I decided to commit to baseball fandom. Because after a quarter-century of making myself sick, stressed, angry or distraught over hockey, I thought I'd try a sport where I can just relax and enjoy the game.

I know enough to have fun: I'm aware that about 20 years ago a player named Joe Carter hit a home run to win the World Series and leapt around the bases like he was 10. If someone on the new team could do that this year, that'd be swell.

I'll have a fine view from the bandwagon.

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### For Gollum, life's a beach

Sand sculptor Radovan Zivny works on a sand sculpture of Gollum, a character from J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.

This striking work is part of this year's Hollywood-themed annual Sand Sculpture festival in Weston-super-Mare, England, due to open to the public on Good Friday.

Zivny, who has been sand sculpting for 15 years, uses basic implements to craft his works: a shovel, trowels, spatulas and a spoon. But the main challenge arises from how compact the sand is.

For the artist, sand sculpting at Weston-super-Mare is for the most part just about "building an amusing park," he said. METRO WORLD NEWS

**Lord of the Sand**

**"My work Gollum is all about expression, obsession and a sense of schizophrenia. I went for Gollum because he is a very unique character and has an interesting split personality. I think I managed to express him well enough."**

Radovan Zivny, 39, sculptor and graphic designer from the Czech Republic, told Metro. The festival has existed since 2006, and has grown every year. The sculptures, which this year include Harry Potter, Batman, Yoda and more, take about two weeks to build. Visit metronews.ca and check out our photo gallery.

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**Synopsis**

Based on Hasbro's G.I. Joe toys and comics, Retaliation sees the G.I. Joe squad — Duke (Channing Tatum). Roadblock (Dwayne Johnson), Flint (D.J. Cotrona) and Lady Jaye (Adrianne Palicki) — framed for treason. Shut down by order of the president (Jonathan Pryce) they team with a rogue general, Joseph Colton (Bruce Willis), to battle venomous international terrorist organization Cobra and super villain Zartan (Arnold Vosloo).

- Richard: ●●○○○
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Channing Tatum and Dwayne Johnson flex their muscles in G.I. Joe: Retaliation. HANDOUT

**Reel Guys**

## RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

# A real American no-no

**Retaliation.** Second instalment of the G.I. Joe series beats the tar out of viewers

**Richard:** Mark, I enjoyed watching GI Joe: Retaliation, but it wasn't the movie I thought it would be. It was written by the people who did Zombieland, so I expected a higher laugh to body count ratio. I didn't think it would be Zero Dark Funny or anything, but every now and again it would tease me with a line like, "They call it a water board, but I never got bored," that made me wish for more belly laughs and fewer bullets. What did you think?

**Mark:** The spirit of Michael Bay hangs over this movie like a shroud, suffocating it with inane plotting, cardboard characters and meth lab editing. I thought I disliked the first G.I. Joe but this one makes the original look like Citizen Kane. No wonder Charming Tater, or whatever his name is, had the smarts to limit his scenes to his contractual obligations only.

**RC:** This one makes the assumption that the audience has read the comics and knows the mythology surrounding the Joes (all you really need to know is that "Joes" rhymes with "heroes"), Cobra (the bad guys) and the various ninjas. That's where this movie lost me, story wise. I was glad the ninjas were there — there's a wild ninja chase in the middle of the movie — but their backstory muddies things up. Remind me again, is Storm Shadow a good guy or a bad guy?

**MB:** Couldn't tell. Same with the ninjas. They have a great scene on a mountain, though, the best in the movie. But otherwise, the film just crowds in as much action as possible, and hopes we'll find Jonathan Pryce as dastardly as he thinks he is. The rest of the cast seems a bit stunned by the plot, even The Rock, although Bruce Willis is a welcome arrival midway through. But it's like putting a fine béarnaise sauce on a rancid flank steak. In glorious 3D.

**RC:** I liked it more than you. I was content to sit back and watch things explode — the little flying bug bombs are cool — and watch The Rock flex his muscles, but I did feel the action scenes, while plentiful, were shot so that it was often difficult to tell who was beating the tar out of who.

**MB:** Me either, but in the end, I felt the movie was beating the tar out of me.

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Drama

## Mad Ship

**Director.** David Mortin

**Stars.** Nikolaj Lie Kaas, Gil Bellows

Don't be fooled. Although its ominous title suggests a goofy horror flick, Mad Ship is far from delivering a fun, spooky ride — although it is a bit scary. A morose movie about an immigrant family defeated by the Great Depression, the persevering (and possibly insane) patriarch builds a boat to sail back home across the prairies. Sure, it's a strong metaphor about survival but even with a compelling cast, this ship still ultimately sinks.

**STEVE GOW**

Drama

## Emperor

**Director.** Peter Webber

**Stars.** Matthew Fox, Tommy Lee Jones

Exploring the fascinating post-war years in Japan after the bombed nation's surrender, this ambitious drama mostly misses its target. Focusing on US General MacArthur's second-in-command (Matthew Fox of TV's Lost) and his investigation into Emperor Hirohito's war crimes, the film muddles intriguing historical context with a contrived, melodramatic cross-cultural romance that only diverts from tense terrain, not to mention an underused Tommy Lee Jones as the pipe-chomping military leader. **STEVE GOW**

# Cinema. In the mood for something sinister?

There was a time when edgy, new exciting indie horror films would almost always find homes in movie theatres. Cineplex's Front Row Centre Events and Raven Banner Distribution is celebrating that time with their adventurous Sinister Cinema series, a monthly program that places four unique art-house horror films into 25 theatres across Canada.

**John Dies at the End (March 27)**
Phantasm mastermind Don Coscarelli's utterly mad meditation on a drug called soy sauce that gives its addicts a euphoric, dimensional travelling high and then promptly turns many of them into monsters. Based on David Wong's equally demented novel, John stars genre star Clancy Brown and heavy hitter Paul Giamatti and is about as fevered and unclassifiable a film as it gets.

**The Last Will and Testament of Rosalind Leigh (May 9)**
Toronto horror hero Rodrigo Gudino (founder of Canadian genre magazine Rue Morgue) delivers a slow, strange supernatural drama about an antiques collector whose late mother's home is actually a shrine to an angelic cult. The immortal Vanessa Redgrave provides a supporting role.

**American Mary (May 30)**
From the social networking heroines The Soska Sisters comes this audacious, twisted and blackly comic thriller. In it Ginger Snaps star Katherine Isabelle plays a troubled med student who gets sucked into the perverse world of underground plastic surgery.

**No One Lives (June 19)**
Director Ryuhei Kitamura (Versus, Midnight Meat Train) delivers a gory and engrossing thriller where good and evil simply do not exist. There's only bad people and well, badder people. When a gang of thugs discover a crime scene witness in a jacked car, they think she'll be worth a pretty penny. Until they learn that the young woman in question is far from innocent.

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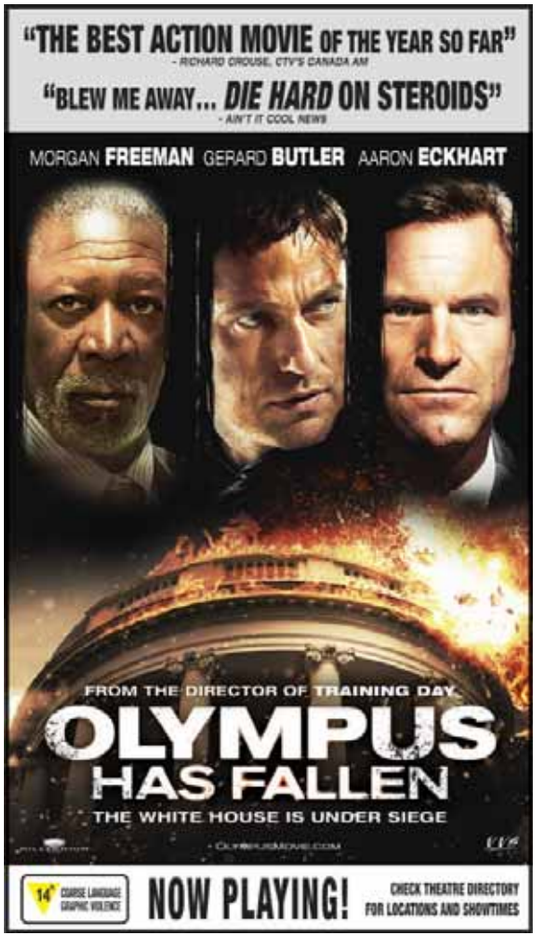


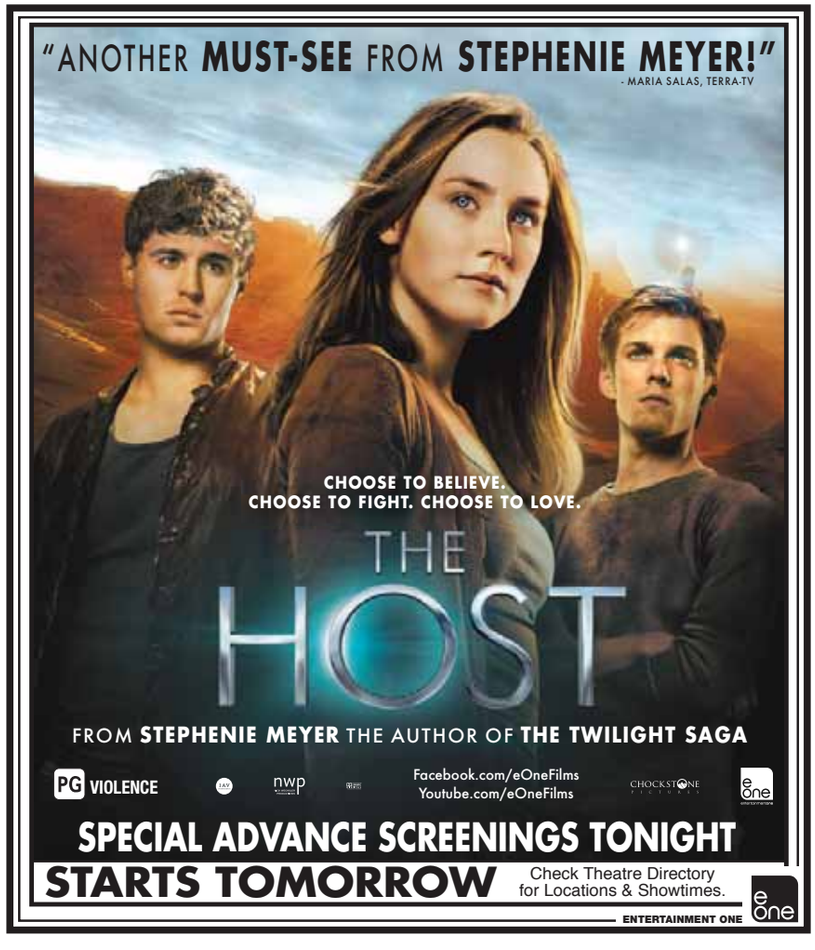


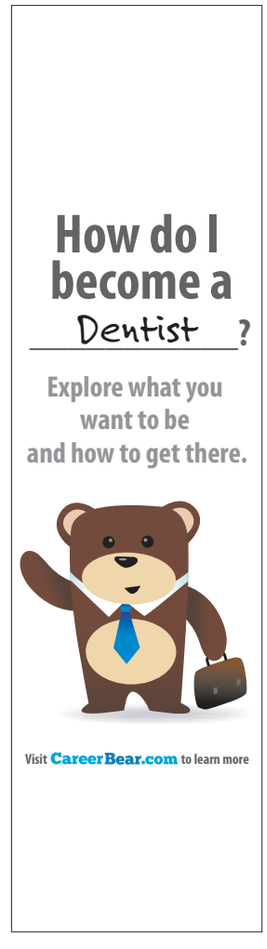

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# No achy breaky hearts for O'Dowd

**The Sapphires.** Actor's attitude toward country music parallels his character's beliefs about the genre

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"Country and western music," says Chris O'Dowd, "is a very easy thing to deride."

In The Sapphires O'Dowd plays an Irish musician playing piano in Australia's outback bars in exchange for beer money. His life is spiraling downward until he discovers a group made up of four of talented Indigenous Australian sisters. Trouble is, he doesn't like the music they sing.

"When I met you," he says in the film, "you were doing all country and western things and that's fine, we all make mistakes."

For O'Dowd that speech was art imitating life. "My dad played guitar in pubs playing country and western music," he says. "So I feel like the whole speech I do about country and western music is something that has been pent up in me since I was 14. Carrying his guitar case to listen to bad Merle Haggard tracks."

"Country and western music is huge in Ireland. I don't know why. It's all Kris Kristofferson and a bit of Willie Nelson and Clint Black. Dad was really into it. Maybe it's that country and western has some origins in bluegrass and bluegrass has origins in Irish music. There's something going on there. And Irish people love a good whine. We're great at it."

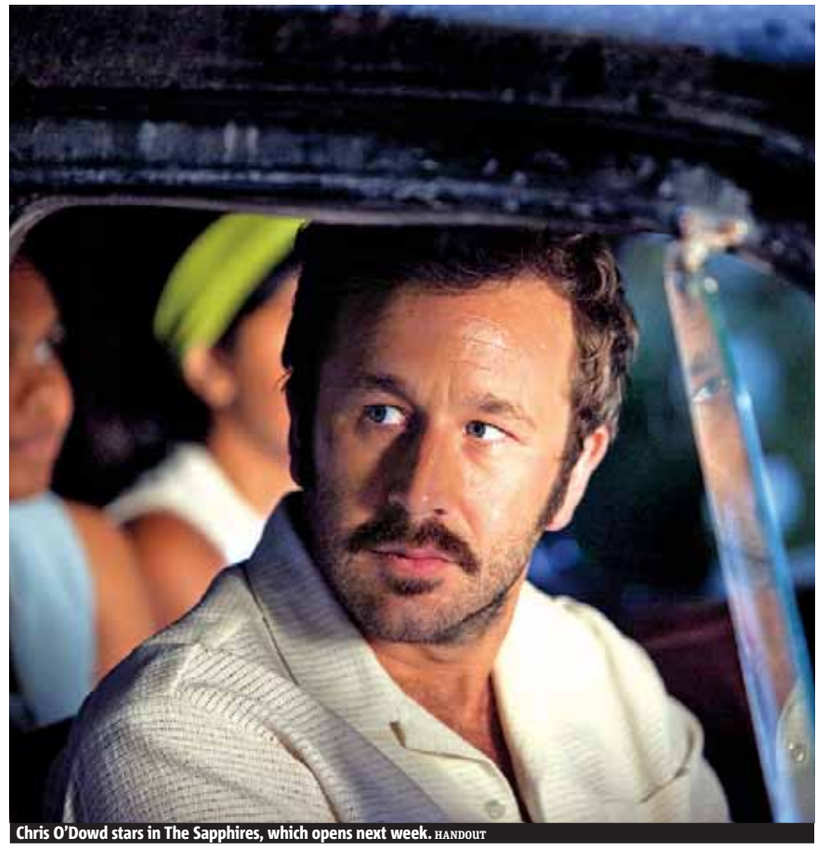
In the film he convinces the girls to trade country for soul music and shapes them into a version of The Supremes.

"I wrote this speech about how country music is about loss, but soul music is also about loss — you've lost but you haven't given up — and that has a nice payoff in the film.

"Country music is kind of whiny," he says. "He left me, now what am I going to do with my life? Whereas soul music is like, 'I'm going to get that bugger back.' It's nice. It's a nice turning point in the film where we're not going to feel sorry for ourselves. That's an important element for the entire story. About moving on."

Thinking back on his teenage years, he speculates if his attitude might have been different if dear old dad had sung a different kind of music.

"I wonder if he had been an amazing Al Green-esque songster if I would have still said, 'This is so lame.' I wonder sometimes with people whose parents are cool. I've been working with Rashida Jones recently and I'm like, 'How can you not think your dad is cool?'"



Chris O'Dowd stars in The Sapphires, which opens next week. HANDOUT

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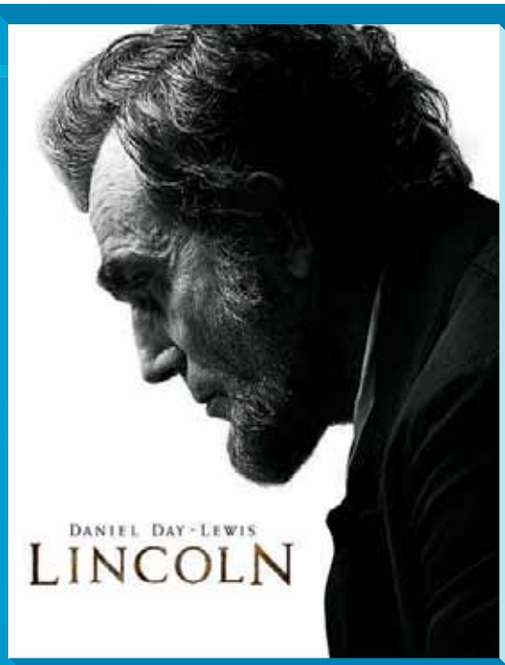

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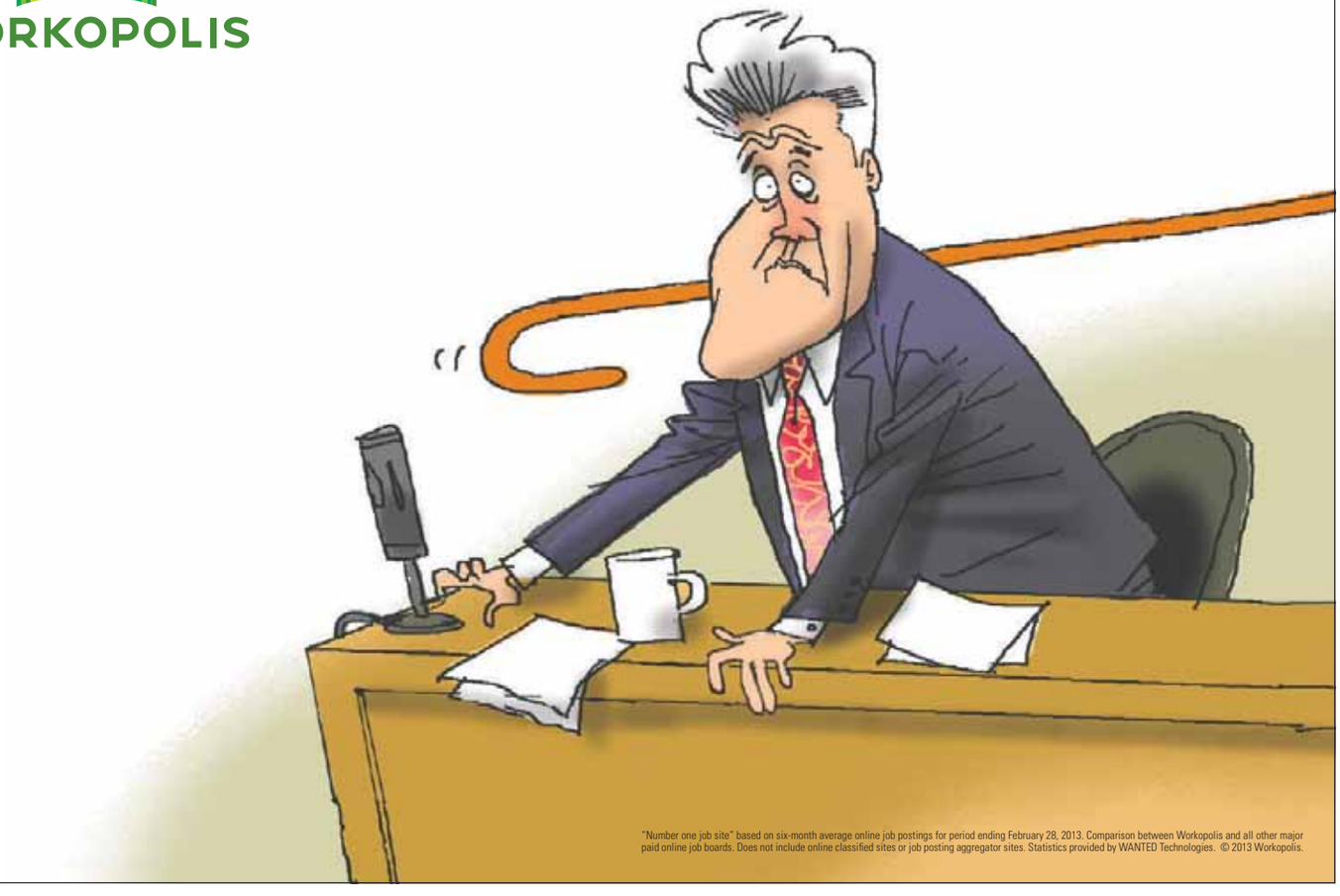

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Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:10-7-9:55 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:10-9:55
Quartet (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-6:40-9:10
Stoker (14A) Fri-Thu 4:20-9:20

### Park Theatre
### 3440 Cambie Street

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The Croods (G) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 7:05-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Croods 3D (G) Fri-Mon 2:20-5:10-7:40-10:05 Tue-Thu 7:40-10
Evil Dead (18A) Thu 10
The Host (PG) Fri-Mon 1-4-7-10 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1 Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55 Tue-Thu 7:15-9:55 Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:05-7-9:50 Tue-Wed 7-9:45 Thu 7
Spring Breakers (18A) Fri-Mon 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Tue-Thu 7:50-10:10

### SilverCity Riverport
### 14211 Entertainment Way

21 and Over (14A) Fri 1:15-3:35-5:55-8:20-10:40 Sat 4:55-5:55-8:20-10:40 Sun 12:30-3-5:55-8:20-10:40 Mon 1:15-3:35-5:55-8:20-10:40 Tue 1:10-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30 Wed 1-3:15-5:30-7:45 Thu 1:10-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30
Admission (PG) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:50-5:25-8-10:40 Tue-Thu 1:25-4:15-7-9:40
The Call (14A) Fri 12:50-3:20-5:45-8:05-10:25 Sat 10:20-12:50-3:20-5:45-8:05-10:25 Sun-Mon 12:50-3:20-5:45-8:05-10:25 Tue-Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20
The Croods (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-7-9:30
The Croods 3D (G) Fri-Mon 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 1:15-3:40-6:30-9
Escape From Planet Earth (G) Fri 12:30-2:45-5:05 Sat 10:15-12:30-2:45-5:05 Sun-Mon 12:30-2:45-5:05 Tue-Thu 2:10-4:40
Esmeralda Encore - Bolshoi Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55 Evil Dead (18A) Thu 10
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri 1:10-3:50-7-9:45 Sat 12:30-3:10-7:10-9:55 Sun-Tue 1:10-3:50-7-9:45 Wed 1:10-3:50-7-10 Thu 1:10-3:50-7-9:45
G.I. Joe: Retaliation — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:30-10:15
Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:15-7:10-10:10 Wed 1:10-4:15-7:10 Thu 1:10-4:15-7:10-10:10
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Wed 1-1:50-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:30-9:45-10:25 Thu 1-1:50-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:30-10:25
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 3:35-6:40-9:50 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:50 Wed 1-4-6:55-9:50 Thu 1-4-6:55
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:25-10:20
Spring Breakers (18A) Fri-Tue 1:20-3:40-6-8:25-10:40 Wed-Thu 1:15-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:25
The Ten Commandments (STC) Sat 12:30 Wed 6:30

### Dolphin Cinemas
### 4555 E. Hastings St.

The Croods (G) Fri-Mon 12:55-3-5-7:10-9:25 Tue-Thu 5-7:10-9:25
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Mon 2-4:45-7-9:15 Tue-Thu 4:45-7-9:15

### SilverCity Metropolis
### 4700 Kingsway Ave.

21 and Over (14A) Fri 12:55-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:20 Sat 5:35-7:55-10:20 Sun-Mon 12:55-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:20 Tue 1-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:10 Wed 1-3:15 Thu 1-3:15-5:35-7:50
The Croods (G) Fri 1:40-4:10-7 Sat 11:10-1:40-4:10-7 Sun-Mon 1:40-4:10-7 Tue-Thu 1:30-4-6:50
The Croods 3D (G) Fri-Mon 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Tue 2:30-5-7:30-10 Wed 2:05-4:25-10 Thu 2:30-5-7:30-10 Wed 7:40
Evil Dead (18A) Thu 10:10
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri 2-4:40-7:20-10:05 Sat 11-2-4:40-7:20-10:05 Sun-Mon 2-4:40-7:20-10:05 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:55
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Tue-Thu 2-4:50-7:30-10:15
The Host (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri-Mon 9:50 Tue-Thu 9:40
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Fri 2:05-5-7:45-10:25 Sat 11:20-2:05-5-7:45-10:25 Sun-Mon 2:05-5-7:45-10:25 Tue 1:55-4:50-7:35-10:15 Wed 1:55-4:50-10:15 Thu 1:55-4:50-7:35-10:15
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sat 11-1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sun-Mon 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Mon 1:20 Tue-Thu 1:10
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 4:25-7:35-10:35 Tue-Thu 4:15-7:25-10:25
Spring Breakers (18A) Fri 1:15-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Sat 11-1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Sun-Mon 1:15-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Tue-Thu 1:05-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30
Spy Kids (G) Sat 11
The Ten Commandments (STC) Sat 12:30 Wed 6:30

### SilverCity Coquitlam
### 170 Schoolhouse Street

Admission (PG) Fri-Tue 12-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35 Wed-Thu 2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35
The Call (14A) Fri-Tue 1-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:45 Wed 1:05-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:45 Thu 2:20-5-7:35 Fri-Tue 1:20-3:40-6:15-9 Wed-Thu 3:45-6:15-9
The Croods (G) Fri 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:20 Sat 11:10-1:40-4:10-6:50-9:20 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:20
The Croods 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Wed-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Esmeralda Encore - Bolshoi Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55
Evil Dead (18A) Thu 10
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri 1:35-4:15-7-9:45 Sat 11-1:35-4:15-7-9:45 Sun-Thu 1:35-4:15-7-9:45
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:20 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:15 Fri-Sat 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Sun 12:15-2:45-5:20-8-10:40 Mon-Tue 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Wed-Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 The Host (PG) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 11:05-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Wed 4:30-7:30-10:30 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Identity Thief (14A) Fri 7:05-9:50 Sat 7:05-9:55 Sun 7:25-10 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:50
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:05-5:35-8:05-10:30 Wed 4-10:15 Thu 1-4-8:05-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:35-10:20
New World (STC) Fri-Tue 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Wed-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:20
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:25 Fri-Tue 1-4-7-10 Wed-Thu 4-7-10
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:50 Wed-Thu 1-4:05
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:45-10:45 Fri-Tue 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:40 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:40
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15 Sat 4:55-7:45-10:35 Sun 4:35-7:20-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15 Wed 1:20-4:20-7:20 Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15 Spring Breakers (18A) Fri-Tue 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:45 Wed-Thu 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Fri-Tue 2:30-5:15-8-10:40 Wed-Thu 5:15-8-10:30
Spy Kids (G) Sat 11
The Ten Commandments (STC) Sat 12:30 Wed 6:30

### Clova
### 5732-176th St. Surrey

Hop (G) Fri-Mon 1:30
Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Thu 7

### Hollywood 3 Cinema
### 7125-138th Street Surrey

Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Thu 6:45-9
Life of Pi (G) Fri-Mon 12-2:30-7 Tue-Thu 7 Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri-Thu 9:30
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50
Parental Guidance (G) Fri-Mon 2
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Mon 12-2:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Thu 5
Safe Haven (PG) Fri-Thu 4:10
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30 Wreck-It Ralph (G) Fri-Mon 12:15-4:30 Tue-Thu 4:30

### Strawberry Hill Grande
### 12161-72nd Ave Surrey

Admission (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:25-8-10:40 Mon 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Tue 12:15-2:50-5:25-8-10:40 Wed-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
The Call (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Mon 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:10-10:35 Tue 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Wed 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:10-10:35 Thu 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:10
The Croods (G) Fri 1:55-4:20-7-9:30 Sat 11-1:55-4:20-7-9:30 Sun 1:55-4:20-7-9:30 Mon 1:25-4:20-7-9:30 Tue 1:55-4:20-7-9:30 Wed 4:20-7-9:30 Thu 1:25-4:20-7-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Croods 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon 2:30-5:10-7:40-10:10 Tue 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Wed-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:40-10:10
Escape From Planet Earth (G) Fri-Sun 12:30 Mon 1 Tue 12:30 Wed-Thu 1
Evil Dead (18A) Thu 10:30
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:15-10 Sat 11-1:55-4:35-7:15-10 Sun 1:55-4:35-7:15-10 Mon 1:30-4:35-7:15-10 Tue 1:55-4:35-7:15-10 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:15-10 G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Mon 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30 Tue 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Wed-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30
Himmatwala (STC) Fri-Tue 1-4:30-8:05 Wed 1-4:30-9:05 Thu 1-4:30-8:05
The Host (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Wed 4:30-7:30-10:20 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri-Sun 3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Mon 3:10-5:40-8:05-10:35 Tue 3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Wed 3:10-8:05-10:35 Thu 3:10-5:40-8:05-10:35 Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Fri 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Sat 11:15-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Sun 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Mon 2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Tue 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Wed-Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:25
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30 Mon 1:35 Tue 1:30 Wed-Thu 1:35
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:35-7:35-10:35 Mon 4:35-7:35-10:30 Tue 4:35-7:35-10:35 Wed-Thu 4:35-7:35-10:30
Spy Kids (G) Sat 11

### Studio 12 Guildford
### 15051-101st Ave Surrey

21 and Over (14A) Fri 9 Sat-Tue 4:05-9 Wed-Thu 7:55 The Call (14A) Fri-Mon 1:35-4:10-6:55-9:15 Tue 4:10-6:55-9:15 Wed-Thu 5:45-8:30 The Croods (G) Fri-Mon 1:50-9:30 Tue 9:30 Wed-Thu 5:35
The Croods 3D (G) Fri-Tue 4:25-7 Wed-Thu 8 G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Mon 1:10-3:45-6:30-9:10 Tue 3:45-6:30-9:10 Wed-Thu 5:10-7:50
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:15-7:15-9:50 Tue 4:15-7:15-9:50 Wed-Thu 5:40-8:25
Himmatwala (STC) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:30-7:45 Tue 4:30-7:45 Wed-Thu 5-8:15
The Host (PG) Fri-Mon 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40 Tue 3:55-6:45-9:40 Wed-Thu 5:30-8:35 Identity Thief (14A) Fri 6:20 Sat-Mon 1:30-6:20 Tue 6:20 Wed-Thu 5:15 The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri-Tue 9:35 Wed-Thu 8:10
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG) Fri-Tue 4-6:35
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 1:20 Wed-Thu 5:25
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Mon 1:25-4:20-7:05-10 Tue 4:20-7:05-10 Wed-Thu 5:20-8:05
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Mon 1-9:45 Tue 9:45 Wed-Thu 5:05
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 3:50-6:50 Wed-Thu 8:20
Snitch (PG) Fri 7:20-9:55 Sat-Mon 1:45-4:35-7:20-9:55 Tue 4:35-7:20-9:55 Wed-Thu 5:50-8:40
Spring Breakers (18A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:05-6:35-9:25 Tue 4:05-6:35-9:25 Wed-Thu 5:55-8:45 Toonie Matinee - Hotel Transylvania (STC) Fri 4:05
Toonie Matinee - Parental Guidance (STC) Fri 4:35 Toonie Matinee - Rise of The Guardians (STC) Fri 1:45
Toonie Matinee - The Smurfs (STC) Fri 1:30

### Rialto
### 1732-152nd Street,White Rock

The Impossible (14A) Fri-Thu 9:05
Promised Land (PG) Fri-Mon 2-7-9:10 Tue-Thu 7-9:10
Quartet (PG) Fri-Mon 2:10-7:10 Tue-Thu 7:10

### Criterion 4 White Rock
### 2381 King George Highway

The Croods (G) Fri-Mon 2:30-7:30-9:20 Tue-Thu 7:30-9:20
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Mon 2:20-7:20-9:35 Tue-Thu 7:20-9:35
The Host (PG) Fri-Mon 2-7-9:25 Tue-Thu 7-9:25 Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Mon 2:10-7:10-9:30 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:30

### Colossus Langley
### 20090-91A Ave Langley

21 and Over (14A) Fri-Mon 5:55-8:15-10:35 Tue-Thu 5:30-7:50-10:15
Admission (PG) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:50-5:20-7:55-10:30 Tue 4:45-7:20-9:55 Wed 7:20-9:55 Thu 4:45-7:20-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
The Call (14A) Fri 1-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:35 Sat 2:25-4:55-5:40-8:10-10:35 Sun-Mon 1-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:35 Tue-Wed 5:35-7:55-10:15 Thu 5:20-7:40
The Croods (G) Fri 1:40-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sat 11:05-1:40-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sun-Mon 1:40-4:10-6:55-9:30 Tue-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:30 The Croods 3D (G) Fri 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat 11:45-12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sun-Mon 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:10
Escape From Planet Earth (G) Fri 12 Sat 11-11:25-1:45 Sun-Mon 12 Tue 4:25 Wed 4 Thu 4:25 Esmeralda Encore - Bolshoi Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55 Evil Dead (18A) Thu 10 G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Mon 1:25-4:05-7-10 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:45 G.I. Joe: Retaliation — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:30-10:15 Sat 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:30-10:15 Sun-Mon 1:55-4:35-7:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 4-7-10
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Tue-Thu 5-7:45-10:30
The Host (PG) Fri 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30 Sat 11:20-1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30 Sun-Mon 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30 Tue 4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10-10:30 Wed 4:30-7:05-7:30-10-10:30 Thu 4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
The Call (14A) Fri 1-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:35 Sat 2:25-4:55-5:40-8:10-10:35 Sun-Mon 1-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:35 Tue-Wed 5:35-7:55-10:15 Thu 5:20-7:40
The Croods (G) Fri 1:40-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sat 11:05-1:40-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sun-Mon 1:40-4:10-6:55-9:30 Tue-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:30 The Croods 3D (G) Fri 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat 11:45-12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sun-Mon 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:10
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G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Tue-Thu 5-7:45-10:30
The Host (PG) Fri 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30 Sat 11:20-1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30 Sun-Mon 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30 Tue 4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10-10:30 Wed 4:30-7:05-7:30-10-10:30 Thu 4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:50-5:25-8:05-10:45 Tue 4:55-7:40-10:20 Wed 4:20-7:15 Thu 4:55-7:40-10:20
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Tue-Thu 5:20-7:45-10:10
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:45-7:25-10:05 Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:20 Sat-Sun 7:25-10:20 Mon 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:15-7:25-10:20
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri 12:50-1:50-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:50-10:25 Sat 11-12:50-1:50-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:50-10:25 Sun-Mon 12:50-1:50-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:50-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:05-4:40-6:55-7:35-9:50-10:25 Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Mon 12:05-3
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:40 Tue-Thu 4:05-7-9:55 Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 3:35-7:05-10:05 Sat 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun-Mon 3:35-7:05-10:05 Tue 7:05-10:05 Wed 10:05 Thu 7:05-10:05
Spring Breakers (18A) Fri-Mon 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Tue-Thu 5:35-7:55-10:25
Spy Kids (G) Sat 11 The Ten Commandments (STC) Sat 12:30 Wed 6:30

### Twilight Drive-In
### 260th Street & Fraser Highway Langley

G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Sat 10 Sun-Thu 7:45
Jack Reacher (PG) Fri-Sat 11:59
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG) Fri-Sat 7:45 Sun-Thu 10

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**The Word**

## *Jon Hamm wants you to stop talking about his package*

THE WORD
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Jon Hamm is growing tired of the attention his private parts have been receiving.

"Most of it's tongue-in-cheek, but it is a little rude," he tells Rolling Stone of the photos spread online of his crotch. "They're called 'privates' for a reason. I'm wearing pants. Lay off."

Of course, the Mad Men star doesn't want to come off as a complainer.

"I mean ... There are harder jobs in the world," he says. "But when people feel the freedom to create Tumblr accounts... I feel like that wasn't part of the deal. But whatever. I guess it's better than being called out for the opposite."

Exactly. Better than the alternative, Hamm. We could be talking about your Hammapillar.

Justin Bieber

## Did Bieber lay a beat down?

Justin Bieber is facing battery accusations made by a neighbour who claims the singer made threats during an argument near his Los Angeles-area home, according to E! News. No further details of Bieber's supposed behaviour were made available.

While no arrests were made or injuries reported, the L.A. Sheriff's Department is investigating the accusation.

"Everyone that we will need to talk to, we will talk to," a spokesman says. Bieber was stopping home in California this week between stops on his European tour.

**Twitter**

**@SteveMartinToGo**
I hope to go down in history with this historic Tweet. Yes, the one you are reading right now. It's got it all.

**@kirstiealley**
my timeline is broken... ouch

**@lenadunham**
Just turned around and my dog was opening an Amazon box. So, friends and family, great knowing you but it seems we have it covered here.

# Spring into a male makeover

**Fashion.** The change in the seasons brings a combination of classic staples and new trends, including suede, splashes of colour and blue suits

The wealth of fashion choices for men this spring will blow your mind—and your closet. ISTOCK

Men will soon be packing away the parkas and shelving heavy sweaters to make way for spring styles — and they'd be wise to leave plenty of closet space.

"I find menswear right now the best it's ever been. It's just more exciting, fun, colourful," says Melissa Austria, founder of Toronto menswear boutique Gotstyle.

While menswear doesn't change as rapidly as womenswear, it remains rooted in the classic staples — albeit with a twist, notes Shannon Stewart, assistant general merchandise manager for Harry Rosen.

"The polo is a great example. It's been around for decades and decades and we keep reinventing it really through colour and through silhouette," Stewart says.

Whether you're a fashion-forward fella or a style neophyte, Austria and Stewart have some tips on ways men can spring forward with their seasonal wardrobe.

**1. Rainbow brights.** It's not just flashes of colour in neckties, pocket squares, socks and collared shirts: a rainbow full of saturated shades are brightening up all facets of menswear.

"The overriding theme for the season is the sheer amount of colour," says Stewart. "Even from a psychological point of view, it just has an impact on a person. It instantly lifts their mood — and it can instantly lift a wardrobe."

Austria says the colours span the spectrum from reds to brighter greens to blues, oranges and yellows.

"It's a more toned-down silhouette. So, it's going to be a toned-down (coloured) chino that you're going to wear with a crisp white shirt. It's going to be a polo shirt that you're going to wear with dark jeans," she says. "It doesn't have to be that intimidating for guys."

Colourful patterns are also in the mix for spring, with smaller-scale houndstooth print, finer stripes and smaller grid checks in shirting, notes Austria.

While some men may have no qualms about donning pants in a bold hue or pairing a variety of shades within one look, both Austria and Stewart say more style-shy guys should start by opting for one core coloured piece.

Unsure of which shade to select? Stewart recommends blue, which she says is a "go-to colour" for many men.

"If they stay in that colour family of blues but maybe go a little bit lighter or a little bit more punchier with the blue, it's a simple way of just taking the blue up a notch from the usual navy or denim blue."

**2. Tie one on.** Bow ties are broadening beyond tuxedos and geek chic as a sleek alternative to neckties awash in vibrant hues, graphic patterns and even available in reversible varieties.

"Even if a man isn't planning on buying a new suit for the season, through dress shirts and ties ... or bow ties, you can easily freshen up a suit that you may have purchased within the last couple of years," says Stewart.

"We've seen a return to men wearing bow ties which is kind of fun. It's definitely a modern look, you have to be a little bit more confident in it, but it's just a great way to inject a little bit of life into the wardrobe."

Austria says the use of colourful, lighter-weight summer scarves — which has made a splash on the other side of the Atlantic — is poised to make waves closer to home.

"If you go to Europe, they've been showing them for 10, 15 years; and now we're slowly starting to see the guys embrace that in North America," she says.

**3. Smart suiting.** Austria says formal wear for men is true blue heading into spring after being "grey-driven" for some time. Austria says the new blue is a lighter hue and distinct from the midnight navy and darker shades of the classic colour.

"You can tell that it's blue and it's really fresh," she says. "I just find it more vibrant."

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Harry Rosen merchandise manager Shannon Stewart

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# MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

## DON'T SACRIFICE COMFORT FOR COST AT SOLO DISTRICT

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As Metro Vancouver expands, buyers looking for affordable yet savvy investments are snapping up homes near Translink's 47 SkyTrain stations.

This phenomenon is most evident in neighbourhoods such as North Burnaby's Brentwood Town Centre, where SOLO District, Appia Developments's four-tower mixed-used project, is attracting considerable attention from homebuyers.

SOLO District was designed to complement the city of Burnaby's plan to get residents out of their cars and onto transit, effectively reducing the city's environmental footprint while improving livability for citizens.

Located directly across from Brentwood Town Centre SkyTrain station, SOLO District is just minutes from the best Metro Vancouver has to offer. From Brentwood station, passengers can reach Commercial Drive in 10 minutes, Science World in 20 minutes, and Waterfront Station in less than 25. When residents aren't riding public transit, they can take advantage of the building's three dedicated Modo Car Sharing spaces.

With studios priced at around $280,000 and two-bedrooms starting in the $400,000s, SOLO District is not only a convenient choice, it's an affordable one. When it comes to value per square footage, North Burnaby is less expensive than the area around Metrotown SkyTrain Station, which is located further away from downtown Vancouver than the Brentwood SkyTrain Station.

"You'll see you get more bang for your buck out here," says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager for Appia Developments, about the North Burnaby neighbourhood.

Although SOLO District's highrise condos are affordable, buyers won't sacrifice comfort for cost. The homes at Stratus, Phase 1 of SOLO District, are spacious, with some units spreading out as much as 1,690 square feet. Large windows let in the spectacular views, while a geothermal heat-exchange system keeps the building an agreeable temperature all year round.

Moreover, residents have access to a swath of amenities, including a games room, rooftop patios, fitness studios, dog run, and green spaces.

For more information, visit the presentation centre at 2131 Willingdon Ave. between noon and 5 p.m. every day except Friday.

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## SOLO DISTRICT EMBODIES LIVE, WORK, PLAY MANTRA

Upon its much anticipated completion, SOLO District's four highrise condominiums will bring an estimated 1,400 new homes, 102,433 square feet of retail spaces and North Burnaby's tallest tower to Brentwood Town Centre.

But SOLO District isn't just an ambitious development project, it's a neighbourhood.

When SOLO District's first residents move in in 2015, they will have access to all the amenities found in any established community — and more.

On the lower levels, boutique shops, cafés, and grocery stores look out onto the central courtyard, and green spaces. Whole Foods, the project's first and most notable tenant, will attract other high-profile retailers to the space, says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager for Appia Developments.

Upstairs, terraces and games rooms offer great spaces for entertaining friends, while fitness centres and green spaces provide the perfect place to de-stress at the end of the work day.

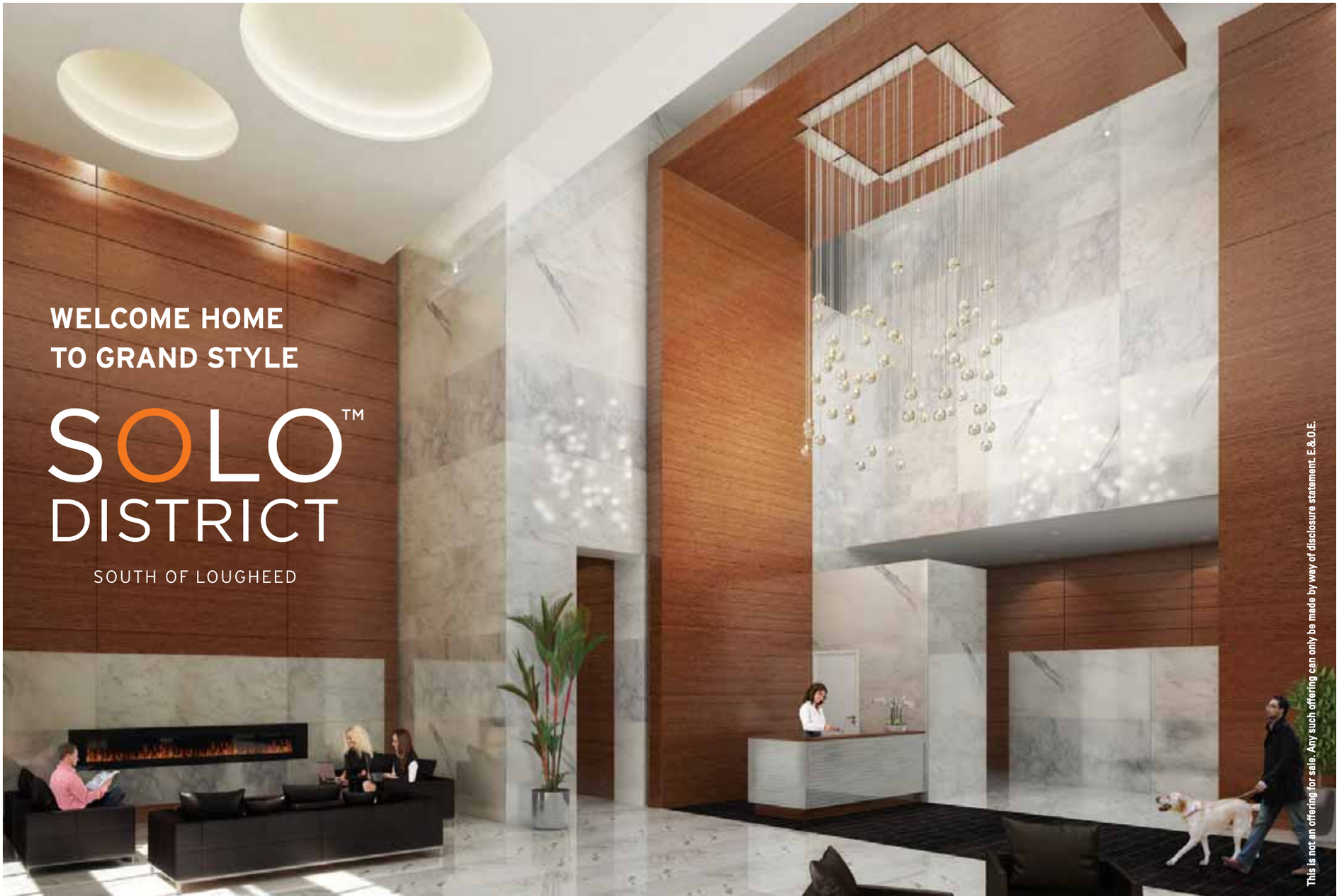
For those who prefer a short commute, office spaces are planned for the next phase of the development.

"You don't have to get in your car and go anywhere because everything you need will be right here," Murrell says.

"It embodies the whole live, work, play mantra."

More than 70 per cent of units have sold since SOLO District's Phase 1, Stratus, went on sale last summer. So far, buyers are proving to be a real mix, Murrell says, everyone from first-time homeowners, to retirees looking to downsize, to families. With one-bedroom and dens starting around $350,000, SOLO District is an affordable option for buyers from all income brackets.

"It's a real community," Murrell says. "You have a studio unit on the same floor as a three-bedroom unit. This project is going to be the first its kind in Burnaby."




## JIM BOSA'S MODEL COMMUNITY SPARES NO EXPENSE

Stratus' grand lobby entrance soars 3 storeys high, finished with marble slab and a custom Bocci chandelier. Plus designer details of the highest standard in every home – 9 foot ceilings, imported Italian Armony Cucine kitchens, and central air conditioning – are only to be found at SOLO District. This is a truly outstanding place to call home.

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# DUSTING OFF AN OLD GEM

Bosa Development is dusting off an old gem in Yaletown.

Built in 1992, the building that houses Bosa's new Pacific Point project boasts an unparalleled location on Homer Street and Pacific Street. For years, it was used as a rental building, closed off to prospective homebuyers looking to invest in one of Vancouver's finest waterside neighbourhoods.

So when it went up for sale last year, Nat Bosa, Bosa's founder, didn't hesitate to snap it up.

"He saw an opportunity," says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager for Bosa Development. "Nat has the uncanny ability to see things that a lot of people don't."

But instead of constructing a new building on the property, the Burnaby-based developer has chosen to preserve this Yaletown landmark.

"It was so well-built and so well-maintained we didn't need to replace it," Murrell says.

However, it did require a few cosmetic enhancements. Murrell says walking through the building's studio, one- and two-bedroom suites was like getting caught in a "time warp." The pastel colour palettes and cabinetry were customary decor for the decade, but they didn't quite match up to the tastes of today's buyers.

But with a little TLC from Bosa Development, the once-dated condos at Pacific Point have been transformed into sleek luxury homes.

"It's essentially a brand-new unit," Murrell says. "We have all new appliances, all new window treatments, new floors, new doors, new everything inside."

The five-star aesthetic extends beyond individual suites and out into the rest of the building. A double-height lobby provides a grand entrance for residents, while an extravagant lap pool, whirlpool and sauna offer Pacific Point homeowners a comfortable space to relax at the end of the day.

"We're just trying to provide the services that come with a luxury," Murrell says.

To learn more about the project and the Yaletown neighbourhood, visit pacificpointcondos.com, the presentation centre at 1323 Homer St., which is open daily from noon to 5 p.m. (except Fridays) or call 604-685-0855.

# LUXURY LIVING IN THE HEART OF VANCOUVER

When Bosa Development completes its Pacific Point project this summer, the development's luxurious condos will be the perfect complement to Yaletown's chic boutiques and stunning vista.

A former industrial district, Yaletown was once home to warehouses, factories and Canadian Pacific Railway workers. Following Expo '86 and leading into the dot-com boom of the 1990s, developers rushed to transform Yaletown's old brick warehouses into chic, loft-style condos, lending it a reputation as one of Vancouver's trendiest neighbourhoods.

Why it took developers so long to discover Yaletown's potential is a mystery. Today, Yaletown's proximity to False Creek, the downtown business district and the city's busiest shopping street, makes it one of Vancouver's most sought-after neighbourhoods.

"The location of the project is unparalleled," says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager for Bosa Development.

"You're literally across the street from David Lam Park."

Although it is just steps away from the bustling city life, the streets outside Pacific Point are quiet.

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Inside, suites feature beautiful views of False Creek and the Vancouver cityscape. Most suites feature a bright solarium with floor-to-ceiling windows, so no resident will miss out on one of Pacific Point's best features — the stunning views.

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# PAMPER YOURSELF IN HIGH STYLE

The resort-inspired amenities at Surrey's Park Avenue bring the spa to residents' doorsteps.

Park Avenue, the newest addition to the master-planned Park Place Community in Surrey's city centre, will take residents to their happy places, according Isaac Chan, sales director at Concord Pacific.

"When you get home from work, it's important to have a way to rejuvenate," Chan says. "For us it was about finding a way to let our residents feel pampered."

Amenities at Club PA, Park Avenue's exclusive amenities space, include an outdoor swimming pool and private, resort-inspired cabanas.

The pool house has an entertainment kitchen, hot tub, steam room and sauna. For film screenings and other entertainment, head to the entertainment lounge and karaoke media room. The sky garden offers breathtaking views of the city lights.

When residents want exercise, they can use the private tennis court, yoga pavilion, putting green, or fully equipped, state-of-the-art fitness gym. There's even a golf simulator for residents to practise their swing.

Inside the homes, indulgent features include high-quality finishings that heighten the sense of luxury, Chan says.

Each of the four interior colour schemes is a collection of colour-co-ordinated, high-quality surfaces, including wide-plank laminate, carpet and marble tile flooring, engineered quartz countertop, marble tile backsplash, and soft-close laminate cabinetry with open glass display shelving.

Incorporating form and function was crucial to the design of Park Avenue homes, Chan says. Each unit comes with an expansive kitchen. The beautiful, European-styled integrated appliance packages include a bottom-mount, counter-depth fridge, a hood fan, dishwasher, gas cooktop, wall oven and microwave.

The 40-storey tower offers 424 one- to three-bedroom homes between 446 and more than 1,016 square feet. Park Avenue homes start at $182,900 with 250 homes priced less than $250,000.

Prospective residents will be able to check out Park Avenue's high style for themselves at the development's dramatic new presentation centre, slated to hold its grand opening in April. The luxurious, two-level centre, located on Park Place Plaza beside the King George SkyTrain Station, will be the largest presentation centre in Surrey.

"We can't wait to show Park Avenue off," Chan says. "The presentation centre will be an absolute spectacle."

For more, see parkavenueliving.ca.

## PARK AVENUE IS A SAVVY INVESTMENT

Park Avenue is situated in one of the most ideal investment areas in Canada, according to Isaac Chan, sales director at Concord Pacific. Surrey has been rated as the best place to invest in B.C., and among the top three best places in Canada.

Surrey is quickly becoming a major economic hub, and the city's long-term strategic plan means that the jobs and growth opportunities in the region won't be slowing any time soon, Chan says.

Since 2001, Surrey's population has increased by 100,000, and is projected to increase by another 250,000 by 2040. To put that in perspective, Surrey has been projected to surpass the population of Vancouver within the next 20 years, Chan says.

The Park Place Community is part of the new Surrey, Chan says. It's the largest community by Concord Pacific in B.C., outside of Yaletown.

"Surrey is investing in an incredible community and Park Avenue is providing first-rate homes for that community," he says.

# THE LARGEST COMMUNITY IN SURREY

If every neighbourhood adds flavour to its homes, and vice versa, then Park Avenue, a new 40-storey tower going up in downtown Surrey, is about to inject the city with some high style, says Isaac Chan, sales director at Concord Pacific.

"Park Avenue is bringing polish to the neighbourhood," Chan says. "The simple, sleek exterior and interior styling and luxurious amenities package take the development to another level."

Park Avenue is the newest phase of the master-planned Park Place community, which is an integral part of Surrey's city centre.

So Park Avenue lends a little sophistication to downtown Surrey, but what does Surrey bring to Park Avenue?

"Surrey has a real energy," Chan says. "The Surrey attitude is this incredible sense of can-do optimism. It's the enthusiasm of a place that's ready to break out and become a metropolis," he says. "The feeling is infectious."

On a practical level, the neighbourhood also brings convenience. Park Avenue is centrally located just a short walk from the King George SkyTrain Station, Park Place Plaza, SFU Surrey Campus and Central City Shopping Centre, which has 130 shops and services, including Surrey's own Central City brew pub.

The neighbourhood offers plenty of green space, too. The landscaped gardens and natural water features within Park Avenue cultivate a peaceful atmosphere, and many homes look out onto the 350-metre long Quibble Creek greenway, a scenic pedestrian thoroughfare nearby.

Surrey's Holland Park, a new 10-acre green space in the city centre, is also a short walk away, and has been recently upgraded with playgrounds, gardens and water features. Holland Park now hosts many community events throughout the year, including Surrey's Fusion festival and summer movie nights.

"The city of Surrey is doing all the right things to develop itself into a world-class city," Chan says. "It's encouraging density and the growth of businesses, but that growth is balanced with well-planned green spaces and transportation options.

"Park Avenue brings the comfortable, high-style residences, and the city brings the energy and lots of great public spaces and programs. Everyone wins."

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# BEAUTY THAT'S BUILT TO LAST

## KITS360 ONE OF THE PREMIER PROJECTS IN KITSILANO

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With its clean design, lush green spaces and stunning views, Kits360 is poised to be one of the most beautiful condominiums in Vancouver's Kitsilano neighbourhood.

"We wanted to give the neighbourhood something nice to look at," says Sasha Faris, sales and marketing manager, about the development going up at 7th Avenue West and Burrard Street.

However, there's more to Kits360 than meets the eye — this residential edifice is not only fetching, it's sturdy.

Intergulf Development Group has a 30-year track record of heading projects that are built to last. The company has been recognized for its dedication to quality on numerous occasions, and was crowned B.C.'s best homebuilder three years in a row.

"Something that Intergulf is really after is quality," Faris says. "We're very diligent in making sure everything is up to perfection for the buyer's needs,"

For this project, Intergulf included a high-end appliances package that is standard throughout the building. Each spacious home is outfitted with a Miele appliance package, including a gas stove, electric oven and a fully-integrated refrigerator, an ultra-quiet dishwasher from AEG, a luxury soaker tub from Hytec Kohler, and a stackable LG washer/dryer.

Outside, Kits360 has been designed to embody the charm of the historic neighbourhood. Rooftop gardens echo the natural beauty of Kitsilano's expansive parks, while the development's varied levels reflect the eclectic mix of boutique shops and independent markets that line the community's bustling corridors.

"We took the time to craft an architectural design that would be accepted by the community," Faris says. "It boasts being one of the premier projects Kitsilano has to offer."

For more information, stop by the fully-outfitted sales centre at First Avenue and Burrard Street between noon and 5 p.m. daily (closed Fridays), or visit kits360.com.

## ELECTIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

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With its latest development, Kits360, Intergulf Development Group is bringing urban living to one of Vancouver's cosiest neighbourhoods.

The project's 247 units feature the sleek lines and open-concept design characteristic of a downtown highrise, while the streets outside resemble those of a small town. Broadway, Kitsilano's main thoroughfare, is just two blocks away. This historic street is lined with boutique shops, European delis, high-end restaurants and independently-run marketplaces.

"It's a very eclectic neighbourhood. It has a little bit of something for everyone," says Sasha Faris, sales and marketing manager for Kits360. "There's so many different things, but somehow it works together."

At the end of a long day, Kitsilano's renowned beaches, the Seawall and scenic nature preserves offer an escape from hectic city life. Or spend your evenings in, entertaining friends with the help of Kits360's high-grade appliances, which come standard with every unit. After dinner, share a nightcap on your own private balcony with views overlooking the North Shore mountains, the Vancouver cityscape and False Creek.

"This is the best view in Kits," Faris says. "You really are getting the best out of Kits with the building."

Although Kits360 residents may never want to leave Kitsilano, they will never be far from all that Metro Vancouver has to offer. Downtown Vancouver is less than 10 minutes away by car, while express buses along Broadway transport passengers to the Canada Line SkyTrain in a little more than five minutes. For cyclists, a separated bike lane along the Burrard Street Bridge means commuting into the core is safe and easy, and Kits 360's bike room offers a secure storage space at the end of the day.

The project will be ready for occupancy this summer.

With studios starting at 474 square feet and penthouses as large as 1,157 square feet, this 11-storey development has something for everyone. Studios start at $299,000 and one-bedrooms are listed at $399,900, and buyers will start moving in this summer.

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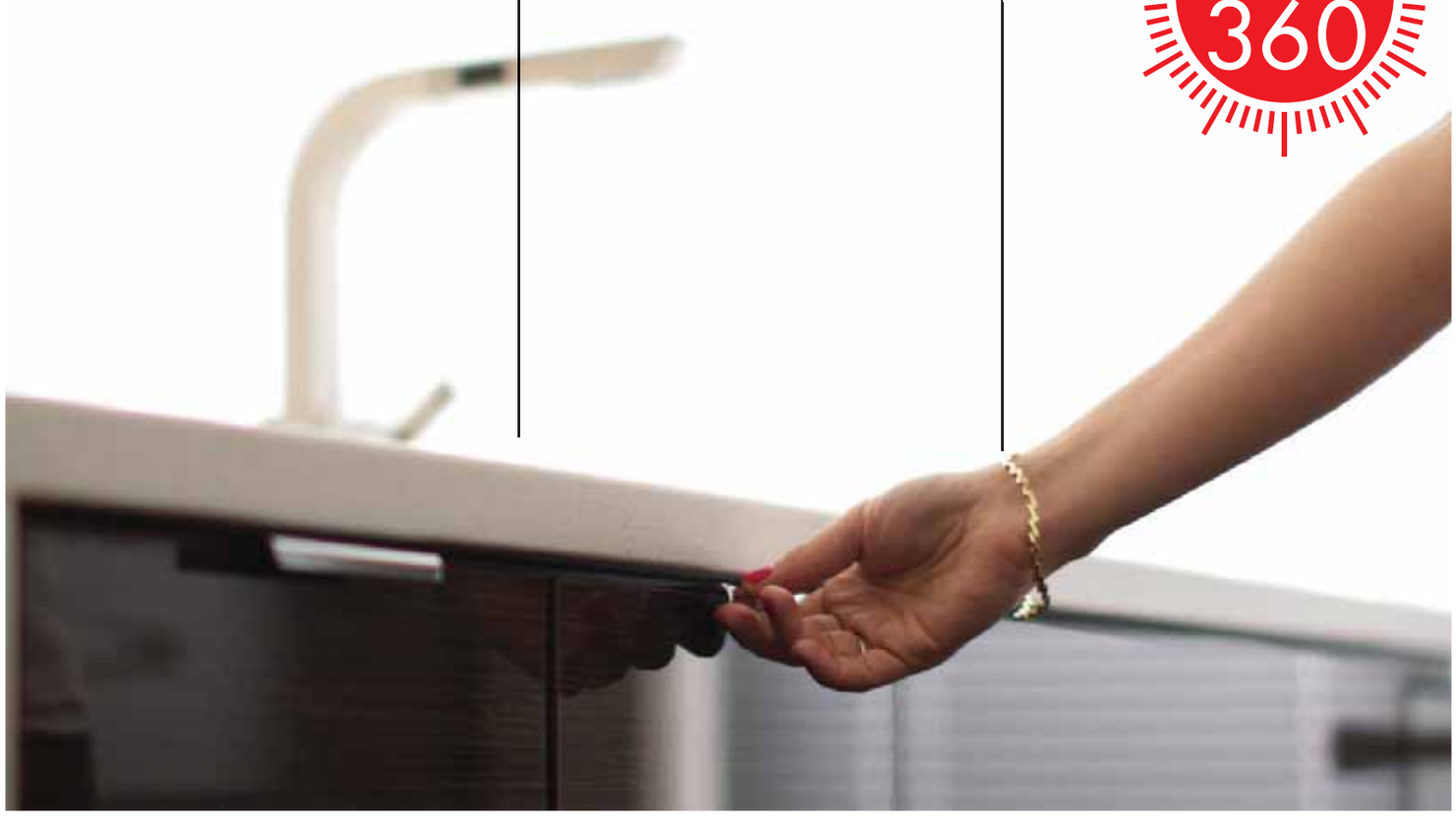

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The condominiums of Parc Riviera in North Richmond, between the Oak Street and Knight Street bridges, offer that life at the set starting price of $249,900.

"These condominiums are beautiful and offer a very comfortable space to those looking to live in Richmond and experience a wonderful location with easy access to downtown Richmond and Vancouver," says Dave Bauman, sales and marketing director. "The condos overlook the water with a bike trail right below and the North Shore mountains out in the distance. The location is really something else."

The condos are one- to two-bedroom units, ranging in size from 617 square feet to large units of 1,067 square feet.

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The one-bedroom 617-square-foot unit is fully equipped with an open floor living/dining space. The bedroom has instant access to its washroom, and on the other side homeowners can walk right out on to the balcony. It's an integrated living unit, with easy access from just about anywhere in the house, making for a larger feel.

The larger two-bedroom units boast two balconies, a master bedroom with an ensuite bathroom, large counter space in the kitchen and a wide open living space.

"These condos are in a prime living space where you can stand out on your balcony and have full view of the water and the natural beauty of the city and the community," Bauman says.

Inside the building is half the sale. The other half comes with the unique community surrounding Parc Riviera.

The 20-acre lot has five acres set aside for greenery and parklands, designed in mind for those wishing to exercise or purely enjoy the natural beauty surrounding their home.

For more information, visit parcriviera.com or call 604-231-5900.

## RIVERFRONT LIVING AT ITS FINEST

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Your own piece of paradise in the park: Parc Riviera townhomes will be completing construction this fall and offer luxurious living just minutes from downtown Richmond with access to Vancouver as easy as a short ride across the Oak or Knight Street bridge.

The two- to three storey townhomes overlook the water and a five-acre courtyard, starting from $427,900, which is roughly a $369 value per square foot.

Featuring plenty of amenities and nestled alongside the wonderful waterfront of River Road and facing the beautiful North Shore mountains, this 20-acre lot is filled with lush greenery and pathways for would-be joggers or dog walkers, and gorgeous gardens and parklands for those keen to take a relaxing walk.

With all of this at home, there is going to be little reason to venture outside of your own plot of paradise.

"There's not much better than this," says Dave Bauman, sales and marketing director. "These townhomes are beautiful, with space enough to have a family and located just five minutes from downtown Richmond, or even a short distance from Vancouver, the Parc Riviera is an amazing package for the would-be homeowner."

But that's just on the outside.

These two-bedroom townhomes range from 1,034 square feet to 1,126 square feet, depending on the style you like. The bedrooms on the top floor share a communal washroom, with the master bedroom having its own ensuite bathroom and shower. The main floor has a wide open living room that is 22 feet wide, which is seven feet wider than most developments. Not to mention dining space and patios for all townhome owners.

And this is just the beginning. Phase 1 of Parc Riviera's construction is expected to be complete by this fall, with a pedestrian-friendly design to encourage homeowners to explore their own community.

Five acres has also been set aside purely for green space, plunking these urban townhomes in with a rich parkland.

"It's like living inside a park," Bauman says.

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# THE ROLSTON: LARGER THAN LIFE

Just four months until summer and the countdown has begun. The Rolston condo tower — that unusual building on the south end of Granville downtown with exterior styling as red as a pack of cinnamon hearts — will be move-in ready this summer.

"Construction has progressed so that you can actually see it on the skyline. It's larger than life," says Karen Hoff, project manager with Pilothouse Real Estate.

The Rolston's distinctive personality was created by Rize Alliance to bring vibrancy to the community, Hoff says.

"Rize wants to actively contribute to making this neighbourhood an awesome place to live," she says.

The personality of the Rolston starts on the outside. The 27-floor building's oversized balconies and distinctive styling give it a playful, modern look meant to appeal to the development's target demographic — adventurous urbanites who like something a little different, Hoff says.

Located at 1336 Granville St. off Davie Street downtown, Rolston's visual personality suits the energy of its neighbourhood.

Available homes range from $349,900 to $619,900. The 187 one-bedroom and two-bedroom homes range from 581 to 889 square feet.

Inside, Rolston homes have just as much personality, with modern design in four high-impact colour palettes, including light grey or white quartz countertops, cabinets in a soft latte or high-gloss grey or white, high-end laminate flooring in grey, taupe or mocha, and a glass tile kitchen backsplash in clear, teal, black or orange.

"Along with the neutral colour palettes, we wanted to give buyers a colour option that was a little edgier," Hoff says of the orange option. "It brings warmth and energy to the units."

All homes are equipped with stainless steel Whirlpool appliances and a stacking washer and dryer.

The modern design also extends to the bathroom, which is outfitted with white subway wall tiles and large one-by-two-foot porcelain floor tiles, a big soaker tub and dual-flush toilets.

Maybe best of all, every home gets "tons of light," according to Hoff, thanks to the outsized windows lining each unit.

"The Rolston is all about colour and personality," Hoff says.

Visit therolston.com or the Rolston sales centre at 140–1265 Granville St.

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# REVITALIZING THE GRANVILLE STRIP

First there were the Dominion Building and the Sun Tower. Then came Science World and the new B.C. Place Stadium. Now there is a new landmark in the city of glass — the Rolston.

The distinctive red exterior styling and prominent location at the south end of Granville Street downtown give the new 187-unit condo development by Rize Alliance Properties a character all its own.

"We see the Rolston as more than just a building. It symbolizes part of the growth and vitality of the Granville strip," says Karen Hoff, project manager at Pilothouse Real Estate.

At the tail end of the vibrant shopping and entertainment district, the Rolston is just a few minutes walk from many of Vancouver's best restaurants, stores and venues.

"We want residents to be able to step out the front door and find something spectacular to see, do or eat," Hoff says. "This neighbourhood has that in spades."

At the same time, the development is situated slightly off the beaten path in a quieter location than its neighbours a couple blocks to the north.

When Rolston residents want a breath of fresh air and some green space, they can take a short jaunt to George Wainborn Park or the Seawall, just one and two blocks away, respectively. And there's no need for a car when residents need to venture farther. Public transportation can be found right outside the building.

Inside the Rolston, two shared outdoor spaces, the Terrace and the Gardens, provide plenty of space for solitary relaxation or private get-togethers.

Host a picnic or relax with a cool drink on the Terrace, a large outdoor space on the 16th floor that includes greenery, seating and a barbecue area.

In the Gardens on Rolston's roof, a 4,000-square-foot shared space 290 feet above the Pacific, residents can enjoy panoramic views and lots of amenities, including a barbecue bar.

Visit the Rolston sales centre at 140–1265 Granville St. For more, see therolston.com.

## RESTORING A HISTORICAL LANDMARK

Built next to the celebrated Yale Hotel, Rolston's modern design plays on the area's colourful history. The building is being fully restored and renovated as part of the development.

"It's important for us to keep the soul of the Yale intact," says Brent Beatson, development manager at Rize Alliance Properties.

The Yale Hotel was built more than 100 years ago as housing for workers on the Canadian Pacific Railway who had moved from the small B.C. town of Yale to work in the area now known as Yaletown.

Over the years, the Yale Hotel retained 44 long-term, single-room occupancies, and became known for its blues musical acts, including guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan and singer Long John Baldry.

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# MODERN LUXURY, HERITAGE ROOTS

## TRAPP AND HOLBROOK FEATURES 196 UNITS

Trapp and Holbrook is and has been known in the New Westminster area as one of the oldest and most historically rooted buildings in the history of the city, and the Salient Group is redeveloping them into 196 livable units by early 2015.

Originally purchased in 2005, the Salient Group has been working hard to plan and develop homes that are not only satisfying to the customer, but respectful of the heritage it holds.

While the building certainly has its roots, that doesn't mean the Salient Group isn't designing the inside with modern luxury.

"Salient is great with the details," says Graham Snowden, project director at Rennie Marketing Systems.

"Wide plank wood flooring, porcelain tile bathroom floors, an integrated panel front Blomberg fridge plus a KitchenAid stainless steel appliance package, and quartzite countertops all are standard features. Floor-to-ceiling windows offer panoramic water views stretching from the Fraser River to Mt. Baker."

Amenities are just a piece of the pie to Trapp and Holbrook's redevelopment since the location of the building on the south side of Columbia Street is perfect for the young, and older families.

With a recently announced elementary school just a 15-minute walk away, and Douglas College a few blocks up the road, the location beckons long-lasting families to enjoy the area for as long as they need.

New Westminster's River Market includes quality mom-and-pop shops, restaurants and more for those looking for an enjoyable night out.

The New Westminster SkyTrain Station is also minutes away, along with grocery stores within walking distance.

"With a mix of restaurant, retail, and cafés, the Trapp and Holbrook blocks will again become the centre of activity on Columbia Street, anchoring the growing community," the Salient Group says on its website.

Trapp and Holbrook features 196 units in development starting at $219,900. Sizes range from 515 square feet to 1,012 square feet. Completion is expected in early 2015.

For more information, visit thliving.com, or call 604-525-0223. The presentation centre is located at 702 Columbia St., and is open daily from noon to 5 p.m. (closed Fridays).

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# TRAPP AND HOLBROOK HAS EVERYTING FOR HOMEOWNERS

Trapp and Holbrook is one of the latest condo redevelopments from the Salient Group, featuring 196 units starting from $219,900 in the city of New Westminster's Columbia Street.

Blending the unique design of the existing heritage buildings with modern touches, Trapp and Holbrook is set conveniently within walking distance of just about anything the modern homeowner desires.

"Trapp and Holbrook is a great addition to the amount of development going on in downtown New Westminster — the new Anvil Civic Centre down the street, blossoming River Market, boutique destination retailers along Columbia Street, the new Landmark Theatre, Safeway, Shoppers, the new riverside Westminster Pier Park, and

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SkyTrain — everything you could want is within two blocks," says Graham Snowden, project director for Rennie Marketing Systems.

Anticipated for many years, the redevelopment of the Trapp and Holbrook area of New Westminster has been a long time coming, and one of which the Salient Group is pleased to be a part.

Located in two spots at 668 Columbia St. and 660 Columbia St., the Trapp and Holbrook blocks have their roots embedded deep in New Westminster history.

The Trapp block is associated with Edwardian-era development, which began in 1902. The Holbrook portion reaches back to 1899 with an add-on development in 1913.

The buildings are known for their Victorian stylized design, and the Salient Group doesn't plan on straying from the formula, instead choosing to respect the heritage value and the unique connection it has to the formation of New Westminster.

The Salient Group purchased the lots in 2005 and have since been planning to handle the sites with the upmost care and responsibility. The buildings are set to be finished in early 2015.

The Salient Group has done other redevelopment work in areas such as Gastown in Vancouver.

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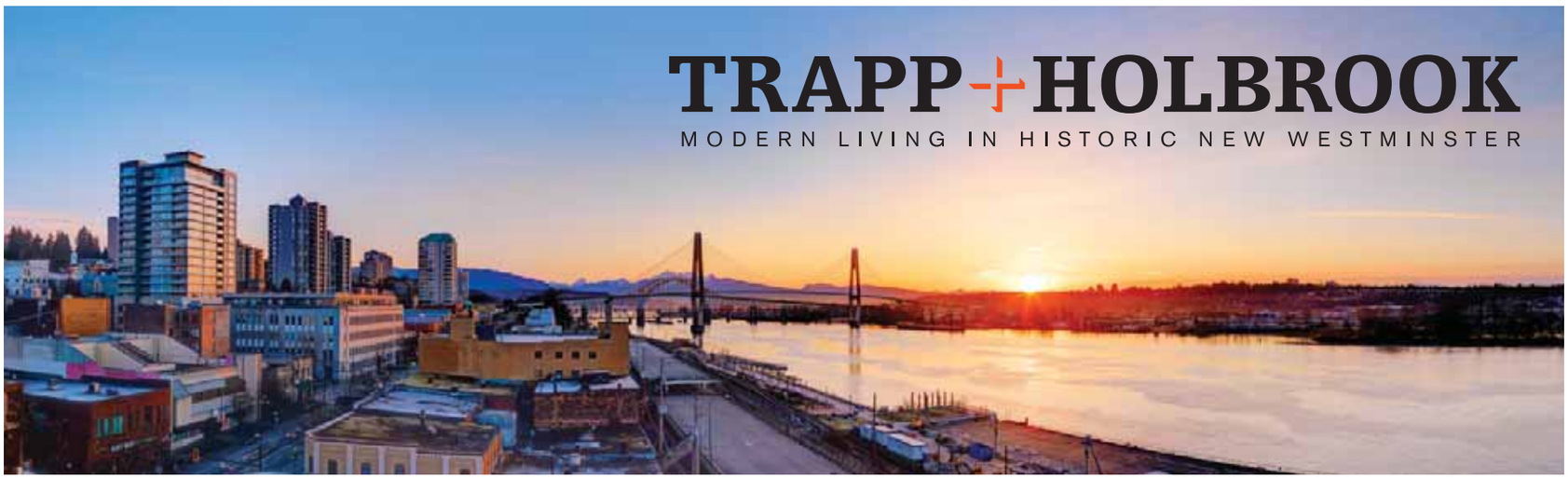


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# AN IDEAL SPOT TO RAISE A FAMILY

## ENGLISH MEWS 2 IN NEW WESTMINSTER

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The homes of English Mews 2 are primed and ready for the first-time homeowner, with beautiful Maritime-inspired homes starting at $324,900 nestled in the heart of New Westminster's growing Queensborough community.

Being built in the heart of Metro Vancouver, these homes are walking distance from schools, parks, transit, shops and restaurants, including the Queensborough Landing and community centre.

"There is a real need for homes that are affordable for families starting out," says Charmaine Betcher of Tien Sher, the company developing English Mews 2.

"They can't always afford the large price tag for a townhome or single-family home, but living in a condo is not always feasible with a family. At English Mews, you can have a lovely home with small yard in a community ideal to raise a family."

With this in mind, Tien Sher is jumping into the growing neighbourhood of Queensborough, which still offers affordable prices.

But don't confuse affordable housing with cheap, since each of these homes are outfitted with luxurious amenities that will please any family.

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## AFFORDABLE HOMES IN HEART OF SURREY

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Quattro3 is Tien Sher's latest development set in the heart of the growing city of Surrey.

Major developments are taking place in Surrey as the city continues to expand and grow to the point where experts are predicting it to be the largest city in the Lower Mainland in the next decade.

Quattro3 is designed with that fact in mind, creating smaller, more affordable junior-sized one-bedroom homes for the first-time home purchaser, all the way up to the large, family-friendly two-bedroom homes.

"The goal at Quattro3 was to allow people to purchase into the real estate market at a very affordable price in an area set to be the next hub of the Lower Mainland," says Charmaine Betcher of Tien Sher. "Most of our purchasers are first-time buyers that have embraced the opportunity to purchase in such a great central location, at a very affordable price. Other areas of the Lower Mainland were out of reach financially, but Quattro was the perfect fit. Subsequently, there has been a huge interest from real estate investors who share the vision for the rejuvenation of Surrey, and believe that it is a great place to invest."

Pricing starts at the staggeringly low cost of $149,900. Located just blocks away from the Gateway SkyTrain Station and within walking distance of Whalley Athletic Park and the new Surrey City Centre, Quattro3 is not just a luxurious home, but a bustling community as well.

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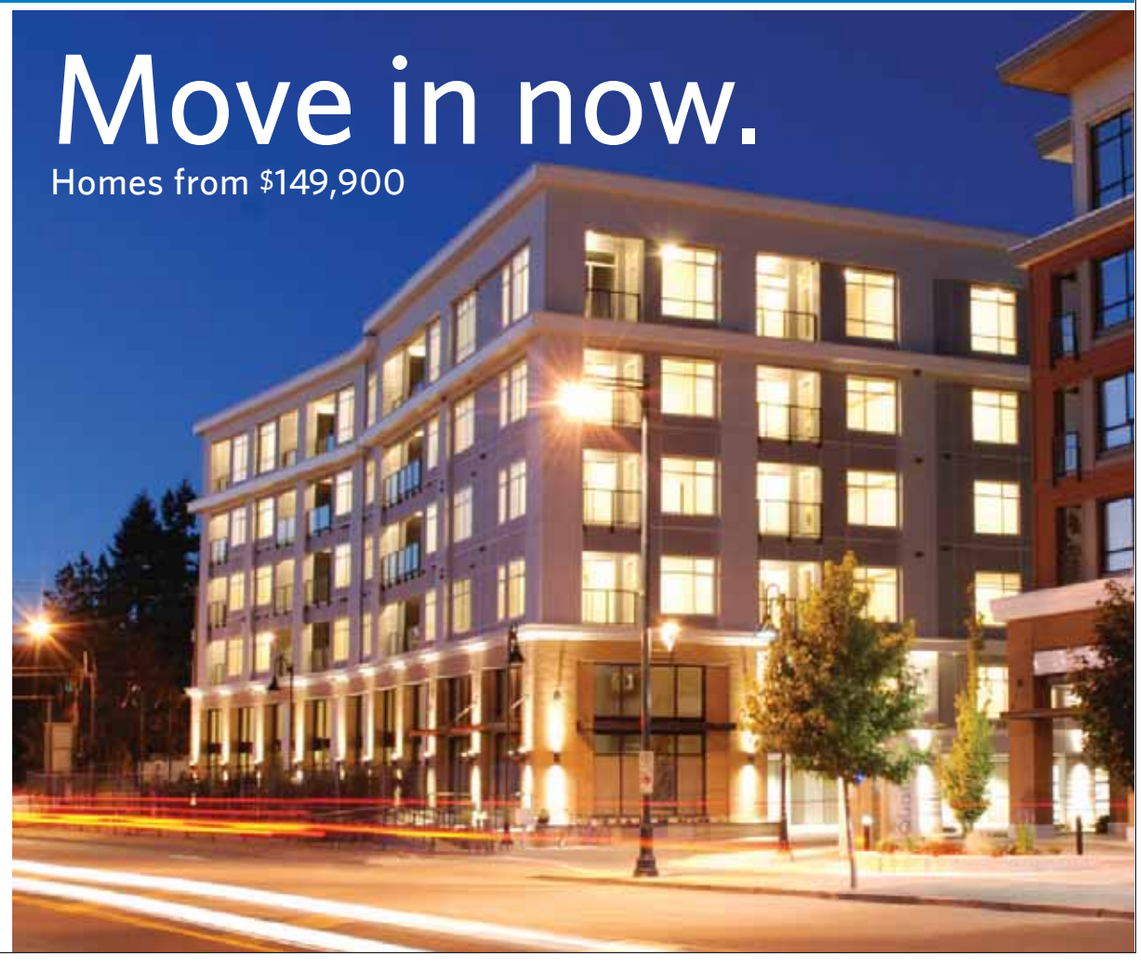

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Harmony's architecture — by award-winning Rafii Architects — pays tribute to China's rich cultural history.

Drawing inspiration from the ancient art of Chinese paper cutting and the concept of yin-yang, Harmony's aesthetic is reminiscent of a luminous paper lantern with the building's inverted canopy base creating the illusion of floating and its decorative panels shimmering with reflective light.

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"From building orientation to colour palette, Harmony's every detail has been carefully chosen to ensure a perfect balance of positive energy throughout, resulting in a home that is at once vibrant and healthy, beautiful and durable," Colbeck says.

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"In this very competitive market, Townline's approach has been simple — find the best central and amenity-rich location and then provide extremely well thought out, efficient and functional plans with high-end quality finishings at an extremely competitive and value oriented price," Colbeck says. "It's the perfect balance.

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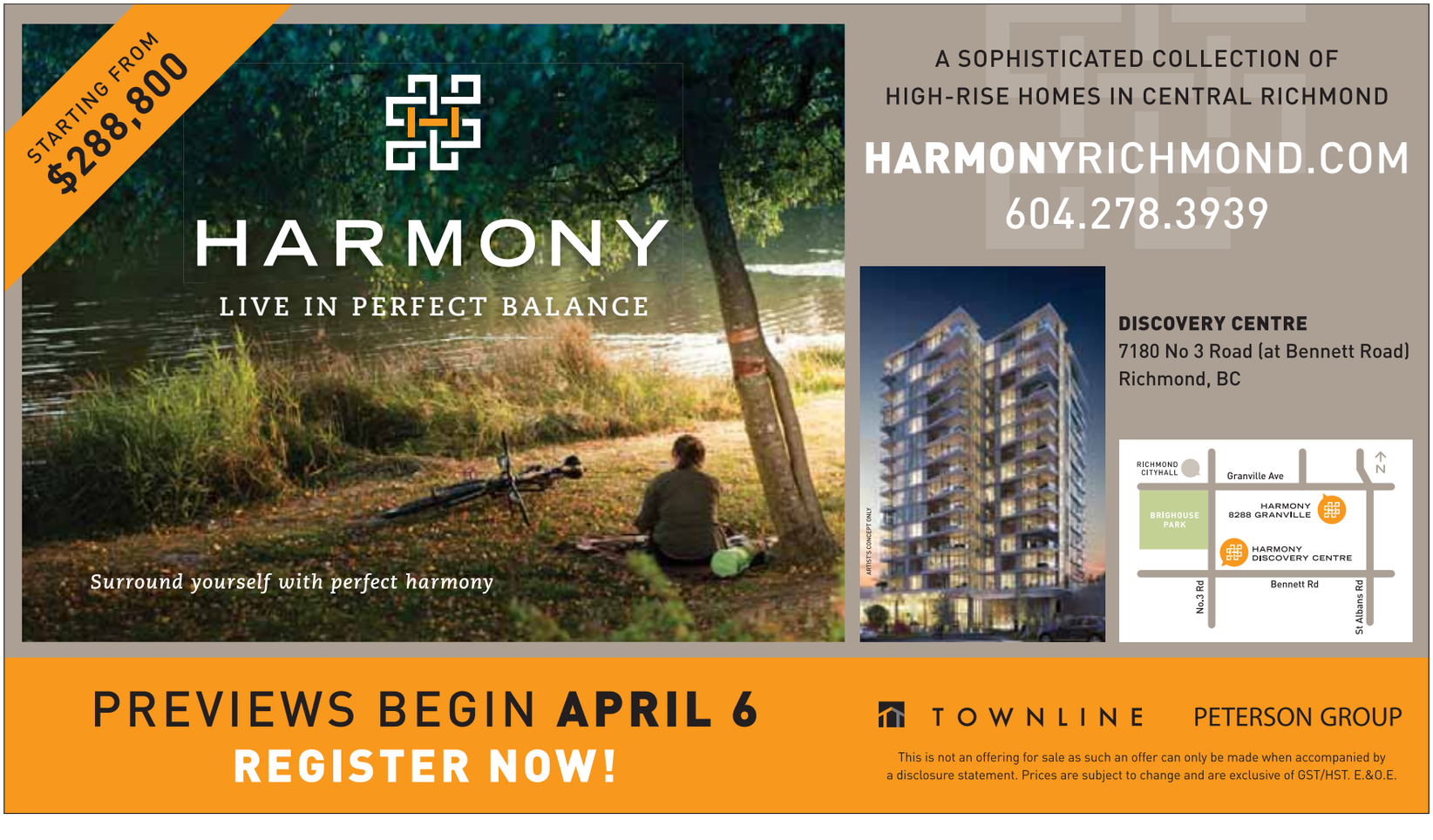

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## BRICKSTONE WALK 2

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With its Brickstone Walk 2 development, Nu-Gen Projects has united the convenience of urban living with the comforts of suburban life.

Located in the hub of the Lower Mainland, Brickstone Walk 2 residents are perfectly situated to take advantage of everything downtown New Westminster has to offer. Steps from their door is a selection of restaurants, markets and shops, while urban parks, such as the new Pier Park on the waterfront and New Westminster's destination Queen' Park, provide the perfect place to relax or play on a sunny day.

"The downtown core is developing and evolving," says Courtenay Edwardes, marketing manager for Pilothouse Real Estate and a New West native. "When people come to New West and experience all the city has to offer, they fall in love with the place."

Commuters also love the area for its easy access to all corners of Metro Vancouver. The New Westminster Skytrain Station on the Expo Line is only five minutes away, and from there riders can get to Granville SkyTrain Station in less than half an hour, less time than it takes to drive.

"It is very central," Edwardes says. "We have five SkyTrain stations in New Westminster so it's very accessible for people who don't drive."

At the end of the day, commuters can come home and enjoy the privacy and community of a suburban neighbourhood. Residents enter their homes from a central courtyard that acts as a meeting place, Edwardes says.

"It's like a small community," she says. "Brickstone is set up so neighbours can get to know each other. The walk-out patios, gathering spots and even the herb gardens are all part of the community feel."

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# Five tips to ensure you get your deposit back

Renters, don't let your love affair with wallpaper prevent you from getting your hefty security deposit check back at the end of your lease.

You have to be smart tenants. Kari Taylor, director of rental insights at Rent.com, tells us how.

**Read your lease**

"This may seem like common sense, but so many renters miss the specific guidelines laid out by their landlord regarding the return of their deposit," she says. "A list should be made and agreed upon regarding the conditions of the apartment in the lease — before you sign it."

**Take pictures of something other than food and sunsets**

"Take some photos of the apartment when you first move in," Taylor suggests. "Make sure they are time- and date-stamped! Then repeat the process on move-out day. This way pre-existing damage is documented and the blame cannot fall on you."

**Ask before you paint the walls red**

"When renting, it is always best to get written permission from your landlord before doing any renovations, changing paint color, etc."

**The pet amendment**

"Landlords will often bend some of their lease rules for a trustworthy tenant or a special circumstance. If you agree upon an amendment to the lease (your miniature pooch can stay on the premises) make sure you both sign it and date it and, if at all possible, get the amendment reworked into the paperwork.

**Tidy up**

"While you may think you're as clean as a whistle, your landlord may not agree," she says. "It may be worth hiring a cleaning service upon move-out day just to cover all your bases. The $100 clean up may save you the aggravation of an argument and security deposit dispute down the line."

**Work with your landlord**

"There is no guarantee that a landlord will negotiate you breaking your lease, but maybe there is a compromise that can be met. For instance, you could help find a replacement tenant."

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**For summer.** From au naturel to funky brights, outdoor decorating offers up many looks this year

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Whether you are someone who has fallen in love with nature's natural tones or are flipping for colourful brights this summer, there's something for everyone to help decorate the great outdoors.

Well-priced and national availability is what we're going for this week. Enjoy the pickings that are ripe for outdoor summer decorating.

**Natural**

## Picnic basket

Get ready for a speed date with a fully stocked picnic basket for those visits to the park. Ventana Natural Picnic Basket offers a rustic look with trendy chevron weave, $52. crateandbarrel.com.

## Woven texture candles

Add natural outdoor charm to your table with woven patterns on candles. Natural Woven textures meets beehive with the Brian Gluckstein's Texaline Pillar Candle for Hudson Bay, $8. thebay.com.

**Brights**

## Outdoor light

Create night light with Outdoor Cube LED Light. Add a modern touch to your patio. The LED light features many colours and effects. $150. thebay.com.

## Crocheted apple outdoor pouf

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## Chevron-patterned rug

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# Get your green thumb going without the watering can

**Gardening.** This capillary action keeps your indoor seedlings chugging along

Watering these seedlings is crucial as two or three days of neglect could spell death. A simple way to automatically water seedlings is to rely on the soil to draw water up from below by capillary action. LEE REICH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ready. Set. Go. Growing seedlings indoors seems almost like a race. Of course, it has a staggered start, with onions already growing strongly and tomatoes not yet sown.

A simple way to automatically water seedlings is to rely on the soil to draw water up from below by capillary action. This is just how various types of commercially available seedling-growing kits work (available online from such sites as gardeners.com, leevalley.com, burpee.com and charleysgreenhouse.com).

Soil watered by capillary action stays constantly moist, rather than swinging between the extremes of having plant roots cry out for air and then for water.

Capillary watering itself is nothing new. For years, capillary matting — a thick, water-absorbent fabric that does not rot — has been available, mostly to commercial greenhouse growers.

The idea is to let one end of the fabric dip down into a water reservoir while the remainder rests flat on a horizontal surface. Pots of plants sit on the flat mat. If the pots likewise have flat bottoms and the soil within is right up against the bottom of the pots, then a capillary water connection is established throughout.

As plants drink in water, it is replenished by water drawn up from the mat which is, in turn, drawn up from the reservoir.

These capillary-watering seed starters are nifty setups that make it convenient to raise seedlings in your home. A small plastic pan holds water. Into the pan fits a Styrofoam or plastic "table" on which sits the mat, with one end dipping into the water. A multi-celled Styrofoam or plastic planting tray sits atop the mat.

The whole setup is about the size of a three-ring notebook, or half that, depending on the number and size of the cells.

A few other features round out these systems. A clear plastic cover maintains humidity while seeds are germinating, then tucks neatly out of the way under the reservoir. The underside of the "table" looks like a pegboard, and can be flipped over to pop seedlings up out of their cells when they are ready for transplanting. Plant roots knit the soil together to keep it intact during transplanting. And after a cleaning, it's ready for re-use.

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**A few cautionary notes**

- Capillary watering does have drawbacks. Water evaporating at the surface of the soil leaves fertilizer salt residues. These residues can accumulate in the soil and draw water out of the roots the same way potato chips dry out your lips. Seedlings generally do not spend enough time in containers to bring on this problem, especially when care is taken not to over-fertilize. If necessary, occasional watering from above will wash the salts down and out of the soil.
- Another problem is that of seedling roots growing out through the bottom of their cells and into the matting. Then plants become difficult to remove from their cells and lose too many roots when they are finally ripped away. I avert this problem by periodically lifting the planting tray up off the mat beginning when the seedlings are large enough for their roots to bind the soil together.

Marble Mocha Cheesecake

This recipe serves 12. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

# Easter sweets get a grown-up flavour

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Coffee and chocolate go so well with this creamy cheese batter.

You can double this recipe: Bake it in a 10-inch pan and add another 10 minutes to the baking time, baking until the center is still loose.

**Ingredients**

- 1 1/2 cups chocolate wafer crumbs
- 2 tbsp water
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 2/3 cups smooth light ricotta
- 1/3 cup softened light cream cheese
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup light sour cream or 2% yogurt
- 1 1/2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 tsp instant coffee granules
- 2 tsp hot water
- 3 tbsp semi-soft chocolate chips
- 1 tsp vegetable oil

**1.** Spray an 8-inch springform pan with cooking oil. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

**2.** For the crust, combine the crumbs, sugar, water and oil. Mix thoroughly. Press into the bottom and up the sides of the prepared springform pan.

**3.** For the filling, beat the ricotta, cream cheese, sugar, egg, sour cream, flour and vanilla in a large bowl or food processor until well blended. Dissolve the coffee granules in the hot water. Add to the batter and mix until incorporated. Pour the batter over the crust and smooth the top.

**4.** Place the chocolate chips and oil in a small bowl and microwave on medium high for 30 seconds or just until soft. Drizzle the melted chocolate over the top of the batter. Draw a knife or spatula through the batter several times to create a marbled effect.

**5.** Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. The centre will be slightly loose when you jiggle the cake.

**6.** Cool on a rack. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before removing the sides of the pan and serving.

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Let the Easter Bunny stay for breakfast. Dash magazine's interactive egg recipes include pizza omelets, scrambled slider burgers, sweet whoopee pies, snappy salads, and puppet spoon crafts for the kids.

# Dessert. Springtime Pound Cake

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**1.** In bowl, combine 1 tablespoon of sugar with orange segments, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, lemon juice and mint. Stir gently, then set aside.

**2.** Spread both sides of each pound cake slice with butter, lightly coating surface. Use remaining sugar to sprinkle over both sides of each slice.

**3.** Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium. Working in batches, toast the cake slices for 3 to 4 minutes per side, or until golden and caramelized. Serve warm and topped with the fruit salad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Ingredients**

- 2 tbsp sugar, divided
- 3 navel oranges, peeled and segmented
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup raspberries
- 1 cup quartered strawberries
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint
- 8 thick slices pound cake
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, soft

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# Luongo's focus not on trade deadline

**NHL.** Vancouver hosts Colorado Thursday, with Schneider to make sixth straight start

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Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo watches the clock during a game against the Minnesota Wild at Rogers Arena on March 18. Luongo is still a candidate to be traded prior to the April 3 deadline. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

For almost a full year now, Roberto Luongo's name has been linked to trade talk.

His future with the Vancouver Canucks and which NHL teams could be in the market for a proven starting goaltender — perhaps looking to add someone of Luongo's pedigree — remain hot-button topics, especially with the April 3 trade deadline now less than a week away.

"It's always a different time of the year, I think, for everybody," Luongo told reporters at Rogers Arena Wednesday, following an optional skate at UBC.

"For myself … I'm not too sure what's going to happen. That being said, I'm just going to keep doing what I'm doing, focus and work hard and make sure that I'm ready to go."

Luongo was the only goalie to take part in Wednesday's practice. He was joined by forwards Jordan Schroeder, Tom Sestito, Andrew Gordon, Zack Kassian and Steven Pinizzotto.

The Canucks host the reeling Colorado Avalanche, winners of just three of their last 10 games and stuck at the bottom of the Western Conference standings, on Thursday.

Cory Schneider, who took over the starting role from Luongo in last year's playoffs, will make his sixth consecutive start.

Despite bouts of struggle and inconsistency earlier this season, Schneider has been sensational over this latest stretch.

He's won each of his last five starts — the Canucks are subsequently on a five-game winning streak — and he has two shutouts in his past three games.

So long as Schneider continues his stellar play, Luongo, at age 33 and in the third year of a 12-year, $64-million US contract, will remain the backup.

"We all see how (Schneider) is playing right now," said Luongo.

"He's playing unreal. He's probably the best goalie in the league right now, so obviously you've got to roll with the hot hand and that's totally understandable."

**Quoted**

**"He's playing unreal. He's probably the best goalie in the league right now."**

**Roberto Luongo** on current Canucks starting goalie Cory Schneider

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## Whitecaps prove more disciplined

Martin Rennie on numerous occasions last summer had to answer questions about the Vancouver Whitecaps' lack of discipline.

So the Whitecaps head coach doesn't mind pointing out his club's turnaround in that department early on in this Major League Soccer season.

At the end of last year's regular season, the Whitecaps had two players — Dane Richards, no longer with the team, and midfielder Gershon Koffie — among the top-five MLS players in yellow cards with nine. In fairness to Richards, only two of his yellow cards came with Vancouver.

Alain Rochat had seven yellow cards, as did Darren Mattocks, who also had two red cards.

The Whitecaps led MLS in fouls committed with 481. Through three games this season, they have committed just 31 fouls, which puts them at the bottom of the league.

Their only yellow card in three games was assessed to midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker against the Houston Dynamo on Saturday.

"We've worked really hard on that," said Rennie on Tuesday. "The biggest thing was we were giving away fouls when people were facing away from our goal. So that meant that there was a useless foul but it was consistently happening and it was resulting — because it was consistent fouling — in yellow cards.

"We've really got to that point of not fouling people who are facing away from our goal and I really think that individual thing's made a big difference."

CAM TUCKER/METRO

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Now that the effects of the full moon are starting to fade, you will soon be back to your best. The various parts of your personality will quickly come into perfect alignment.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
The impossible looks easy to you at the moment. Forget about being practical: Let your imagination guide you in new directions over the next few days. If you want to know your future, look to your fantasies.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
There is no need to feel guilty just because some people have not been as fortunate as you. There is no such thing as luck: It is all part of the grand design. You must have done something to deserve it.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
What do you want to achieve in life? What do you want to be remembered for? If you make the right moves and talk to the right people today, you can give your reputation, and your dreams, a major boost.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Life seems to be effortless at the moment. Everything seems to be falling into place. Cosmic activity in your fellow Fire sign of Aries suggests that your efforts will pay off in big ways — so get busy.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
What happened around the time of yesterday's full moon means there is no room left for denial. The time has come to face up to reality. What you think is a problem won't be a problem much longer

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You can be a hit with important people today — if you project the right image. First impressions are important, so make sure what you do is in line with your long-term goals.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Even if you have done something that is worth shouting about, you should try to maintain a modest manner. Authority figures know what you are capable of and what you have accomplished.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
You have the courage and the confidence to do something out of the ordinary. But remember you are still human, you still have limits, even though your limits may be wider and higher than others'.

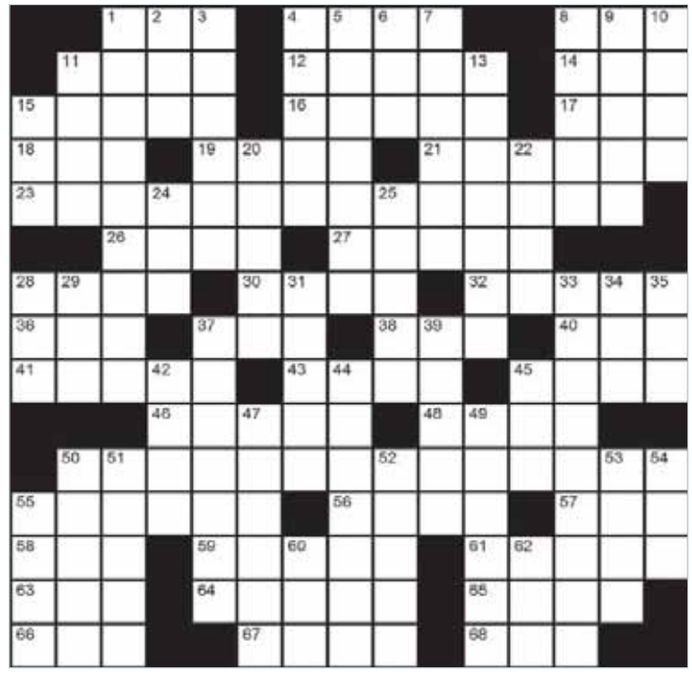
### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
You may be determined to change your life but it seems not everyone agrees with the way you intend to do it. That does not matter. The only thing that counts is that you believe in yourself.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
You have the ability to notice things that others tend to overlook and that ability will come in use today. If knowledge is power then you have more power than just about everyone.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
Your attitude to money seems to have changed a bit over the past few days. But you need to realize that although you may not care so much for the material world, you still have to live in it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**Across**
1. Small film role, __ part
4. Perry Mason's Canadian portrayer, Raymond __
8. Gladiator's 1060
11. Music's Ms. Turner
12. Bitter-__ (Diehard)
14. Be out of sorts
15. Farmland
16. Outpouring
17. Gun the engine
18. "Lord, is __ _?" (Last Supper question)
19. "Rebel Yell" singer Billy
21. From whom the new Pope takes his name, St. Francis of __
23. Canada's government, __ Monarchy
26. Leavin'
27. Category
28. Flow
30. "Egad!" sound interpretation
32. Mr. Savalas
36. Mauna __ (Hawaiian volcano)
37. Ben, to Brian
38. __ and outs
40. Battery size
41. _ __ of the tongue
43. "Look, all done!"
45. Clouseau's li'l rank
46. __. wage
48. 'D' of CD, variantly
50. Hockey legend nicknamed 'The Rocket': 2 wds.
55. Preacher's podium
56. Emperor of Rome
57. GBS part (Canadian band)
58. Entirely
59. Swap stock
61. "Of course!", in slang
63. __ Chi
64. Two-__
65. Islands: French
66. 'Eug' ender (Mr. Levy)
67. Some fishies
68. Paramedic's skill, commonly

**Down**
1. Speaks French and English
2. Percentage on a chg. card
3. South Pacific island painted by Paul†Gauguin
4. Stupefy
5. Puts away the electric guitar, uses the acoustic
6. Nutritional suggested amount [acronym]
7. Keep back
8. "West Side Story" (1961) role
9. Teenager in "The Sound of Music" (1965)
10. 46 in old Rome
11. The Jackson 5 member
13. Luxury getaways
15. __-Tac-Toe
20. Wild†dog of Australia
22. Snick-or-__
24. Chicago White __
25. Lukewarm
28. Miami, __.
29. Rock's __ Lonely Boys
31. Shenanigan
33. Bomber aircraft of the Allies in WWII, Avro __
34. Elvis movie: "Viva __ Vegas" (1964)
35. Mouth, slang-style
37. Ghosts
39. Low point
42. "It's my turn!": 2 wds.
44. Revised
45. Suffix meaning 'somewhat'
47. __ acid
49. Like a widely-recognized symbol
50. Disney flick of 1998 set in China
51. "Kate & __" ('80s sitcom)
52. Marsh plants
53. Tapes a show, for short
54. Morse Code bit
55. Hors d'oeuvre spread
60. Shakespeare's Much __ About Nothing
62. Matterhorn, for one

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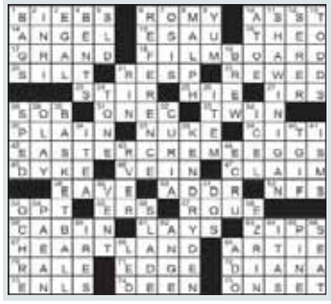

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**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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### Yesterday's Sudoku

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The 2013 Vancouver International Auto Show will feature some of these vehicles, which showcase new styling and technology from auto manufacturers.

Toyota Fun-Vii Concept. CONTRIBUTED

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Mercedes-Benz Concept Style Coupe. CONTRIBUTED

### HONDA
**Urban SUV Concept**
The Urban SUV Concept is intended to provide the basis for a fun-to-drive and fuel-efficient small SUV with aspirational design, flexible packaging and next-generation connectivity targeting active lifestyle customers. The concept showcases clean and sophisticated styling, dynamic character lines and a strong stance, with hidden rear door handles giving the SUV a coupe-like presence.

### ACURA
**Acura NSX Concept**
The new Acura NSX Concept is based on the expected underpinnings of the vehicle Acura will bring to market. Still, the new NSX Concept maintains its low and wide stance with the dynamic and alluring proportions that debuted in the original NSX Concept at the 2012 North American International Auto Show — highlighted by clean, modern and simple surfacing, and edgy details that communicate supercar attitude and a high-tech feel. The new NSX Concept also features a first-ever look at one potential direction for the next-generation Acura NSX interior design. The design concept is founded on a "Human Support Cockpit" theme, a strong expression of Acura's product direction focused on "the synergy between man and machine." The interior package boasts outstanding visibility, an exotic driving position, and an intuitive "Simple Sports Interface" that minimizes interior clutter, allowing the driver to focus on the driving experience.

### HYUNDAI
**Hyundai Genesis Concept**
With the Genesis Concept, Hyundai's designers took the opportunity to create a wild, futuristic package that ignored the typical rules and restraints of vehicle manufacturing in order to explore what a luxury sedan from Hyundai could look like.

### MERCEDES-BENZ
**Mercedes-Benz Concept Style Coupe**
The Concept Style Coupe is a clear statement of expressive, avant-garde design. This sporty four-door coupe offers insight into the design direction for an upcoming addition to the Mercedes-Benz vehicle range, combining the streamlined design of a sports car with the practicality of a sedan.

### TOYOTA
**Toyota Fun-Vii Concept**
The Toyota Fun-Vii is a concept vehicle that heralds a not-too-distant future where people, cars and society are linked. The Fun-Vii is engineered to be able to connect wireless with the infrastructure and surrounding streets. "Vii" is an abbreviation for vehicle, interactive, Internet. Recognizing the consumer's desire for personalization, Toyota has developed a concept vehicle that offers the ability to alter the content displayed on the interior and exterior of the Fun-Vii with ease.

### LEXUS
**Lexus LF-CC**
The LF-CC exemplifies the latest evolution of the Lexus design. This stunning, concept compact rear-wheel drive has an all-new, highly efficient, 2.5-litre full hybrid powertrain and reinforces Lexus' commitment to create more engaging, inspirational vehicles through design, a superior driving experience and advanced technologies.

**Lexus LF-LC**
Beauty and design come together in the stunning LF-LC. The LF-LC holds a suite of advanced materials and technologies, including lightweight carbon fibre and the next generation of Lexus' industry-leading hybrid powertrain. Imagined and created at the Calty Design Center in Newport Beach, Calif., this vehicle features a dynamic profile that emphasizes direction and motion.

### VOLKSWAGEN
**Cross Coupe Concept**
Based on Volkswagen's new Modular Transverse Matrix, the Cross Coupe showcases styling elements that will make their way onto new Volkswagen crossovers. Powered by a combination of TDI Clean Diesel technology and twin electric motors, the Cross Coupe delivers 306 horsepower at a fuel consumption rate of just 1.8L/100km.

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Mercedes-Benz E-Class. CONTRIBUTED

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**MASERATI**
**Maserati Quattroporte**
Maserati has plans to transcend its present status as a niche sports/luxury car builder and become a higher-volume player along the lines of Porsche, with annual production in the order of 50,000 units per year by 2015. The transformation begins with the introduction of the all-new 2013 Maserati Quattroporte. The new sixth-generation Quattroporte combines some design features from its immediate predecessor — the grille, three side vents and triangular C-pillar — with a strong new belt-line, frameless doors and three side windows.

**MAZDA**
**2014 Mazda6**
**SKYACTIV-D Clean Diesel**
The 2014 Mazda6 powered by an all-new SKYACTIV-D clean diesel engine will represent the first Japanese modern-technology clean-diesel engine on sale in Canada in a non-commercial vehicle. Available with a six-speed manual or automatic transmission, the high output turbo-diesel will provide powerful and responsive acceleration, incredible fuel economy, and meet all North American emissions standards without the need of expensive NOx after treatments.

**MERCEDES-BENZ**
**smart forstars**
The smart forstars joins the series of clever concept vehicles designed by smart and offers a glimpse into the future design language of the brand. The electrically driven smart forstars is an SUC (Sports Utility Coupe) with room for two people and plenty of storage space. Its name references the glass dome above the passengers that gives a clear view of the sky.
**2014 Mercedes-Benz E-Class**
For 2014, all models in the E-Class family have been completely revised and boast a range of exceptional engines, sophisticated assistance systems and stunning new designs. The entire E-Class lineup comes with luxurious appointments and numerous technical innovations, demonstrating clear advancements with respect to efficiency, ecology and dynamic driving.

Honda Accord Plug-in Hybrid Sedan. CONTRIBUTED

**MITSUBISHI**
**2014 Mitsubishi Outlander**
Sporting a fresh new look, interior design and a suite of advanced safety technologies, the 2014 Mitsubishi Outlander compact sport utility makes its Canadian debut at the CIAS. More substantial and sophisticated than the model it replaces, the new generation Mitsubishi Outlander radiates quality and comfort like never before and will boast class-leading fuel economy. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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**2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray**
Chevrolet is redefining modern performance with the debut of the all-new Corvette Stingray. The 2014 Corvette Stingray is the most powerful standard model ever, with an estimated 450 horsepower (335 kW) and 450 pound-feet of torque. It is also the most capable standard model ever, able to accelerate from 0-60 mph in less than four seconds.

**2014 Chevrolet Spark EV**
The 2014 Chevrolet Spark EV, introduced for the first time in Canada at the CIAS, packs smart performance and connectivity technologies into an affordable five-door urban mini car designed to make the trip as electrifying as the destination.

**2014 GMC Sierra**
The all-new 2014 GMC Sierra 1500 full-size pickup is the most powerful, most advanced and most refined truck in the brand's 110-year history. Sierra's bold new exterior houses one of three all-new EcoTec3 engines, a fully updated cabin with available next-generation IntelliLink connectivity and other features designed for the most discerning truck owners.

## HONDA

**Honda Accord Plug-in Hybrid**
The Honda Accord Plug-in Hybrid Sedan (PHEV) will provide the athleticism and craftsmanship of the all-new Accord platform, charged with a remarkable dose of hybrid efficiency and electric torque. The Accord Plug-in Hybrid Sedan will offer premium technology and exceptional cabin space, all while earning the highest EPA MPGe rating in its class (115 MPGe).

BMW MINI GP. CONTRIBUTED

## KIA

**2014 Rondo**
The all-new 2014 Rondo, which will have its North American reveal at the CIAS, is a masterpiece of automotive design and city-smart thinking. Its styling is perfectly proportioned — from the sophisticated front-end look to the sporty profile that flows into a rear end with a wide, easy-opening tailgate. Inside, a flexible interior with flat-folding seats handles whatever combination of passengers or people you need to carry.

**2014 Cadenza**
Kia boldly moves forward into a whole new class with the 2014 Cadenza. The Cadenza embodies expression of Kia's dynamic design language in a sleek and sporty style. Powerful, well-balanced and sophisticated, it celebrates new and progressive thinking in a premium full-size sedan.

## JAGUAR

**Jaguar F-Type**
The new Jaguar F-Type represents a return to the company's heart: A two-seat, convertible sports car focused on performance, agility and driver involvement. The F-Type is a continuation of a sporting bloodline that stretches back more than 75 years and encompasses some of the most beautiful, thrilling and desirable sports cars ever built. Joining the XK convertible and coupe models, the new F-Type provides Jaguar with a broader line of sports and GT models. With front-engine, lightweight aluminum architecture and rear-wheel drive, the F-Type is engineered to be a true high-performance sports car.

**For more, see page AS10.**

Mazda6 SKYACTIV-D. CONTRIBUTED

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Ford Fiesta ST. CONTRIBUTED

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## CHRYSLER

### 2013 SRT Viper

The all-new 2013 SRT Viper makes its highly anticipated return to the high-performance sports car market. Canadian driving enthusiasts will truly enjoy this iconic two-seat supercar that has evolved to incorporate superior craftsmanship, new technologies and ergonomic improvements, while respecting its visceral legacy of outright performance.

### 2013 Ram 3500 Heavy Duty

Canada's longest-lasting and bestselling diesel pickup truck is setting new benchmarks in capability, achieving a best-in-class 13,608-kilogram (30,000-pound) trailer towing capacity thanks in large part to a new high-strength steel frame and an upgraded 6.7-litre Cummins Turbo Diesel engine with a best-in-class 850 pound-feet of torque.

### 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee

Just three years after the all-new Jeep Grand Cherokee debuted, the most awarded SUV ever is getting better. More aggressive and upscale in and out, the 2014 Grand Cherokee will also offer a new 3.0-litre EcoDiesel V-6 engine for class-leading fuel mileage and towing capability, plus a new eight-speed automatic transmission for all powertrains.

## FORD

### Ford Fiesta ST

The bold new 2014 Fiesta ST combines an aggressive, muscular and sporty design with a dynamic sports chassis and a 1.6L EcoBoost engine producing nearly 200 horsepower.

### Ford Transit

All-new 2014 Ford Transit joins the bestselling lineup of commercial vehicles, giving customers unmatched fuel economy and the segment's lowest cost of ownership.

### Ford Transit Connect

All-new 2014 Ford Transit Connect Wagon establishes a new category of a seven-passenger hauler that is fun to drive and fuel-efficient. This versatile vehicle drives like a car, has the flexibility of a utility and can haul the payload of a full-size pickup.

## GENERAL MOTORS

### 2014 Cadillac ELR

Cadillac unveils the 2014 ELR for the first time in Canada at the CIAS. The sleek luxury coupe features the first application of Extended Range Electric Vehicle technology by a full-line luxury automotive brand. Industry-leading Extended Range Electric Vehicle (EREV) technology provides full driving range exceeding 480 kilometres (300 miles), combining pure electric driving and an efficient, range-extending generator.

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Ford Transit Connect. CONTRIBUTED

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Audi R8. CONTRIBUTED

# New vehicles make shopping easy

Here are some of the new vehicles that will be featured at the 2013 Vancouver International Auto Show at the Vancouver Convention Centre, running through to Sunday.

This is your chance to sit in them, look under the hood and see if the vehicle fits your family and lifestyle.

## AUDI

### 2014 Audi R8

Audi is making its R8 high-performance sports car sharper and more attractive than ever. The S tronic makes its debut in the series, which is now topped by the new R8 V10 plus. The all-LED front headlights are standard with all models; distinctive design details set accents.

## BMW

### BMW M6 Gran Coupe

The BMW M6 Gran Coupeis the latest ultra-high performance model in the BMW M family. With its four-door coupe design, stunning aesthetics and race-bred technology, the four-plus-one seating arrangement allows the M6 Gran Coupe to carry four adults in luxury while offering the driver an unparalleled level of precision performance.

BMW 7 Series. CONTRIBUTED

### MINI GP

The MINI John Cooper Works GP is a limited production (50 for Canada) ultra-high-performance member of the MINI family reflecting MINI's extensive racing heritage. The fastest production version of the MINI ever built, the GP is powered by a twin-scroll turbocharged engine with an output of 211 horsepower and 192 pound-feet of torque.

### BMW 7 Series Individual Limited Edition

The BMW Individual program offers the most demanding customers a plethora of unique and exclusive options to personalize their BMW. At the 2013 CIAS, BMW will unveil the 7 Series Individual Limited Edition, an exclusive version of the 750iL xDrive, which will showcase a rich combination of spectacular exterior colour with an Individual Composition full leather interior featuring the finest Merino Leather with accent stitching and trim elements crafted from the finest woods.

**For more, see page AS6.**

The Vancouver International Auto Show runs until Sunday at the Vancouver Convention Centre. CONTRIBUTED

# Drive into spring in style

Running until Sunday, the Vancouver International Auto Show is the final major automotive expo in Canada this year, but its timing probably couldn't be better. Spring is on its way and as the days get longer (and warmer) for many consumers, it arguably represents the ideal opportunity to consider getting that new car.

Since the show's move last year, from B.C. Place to the Vancouver Convention Centre, located right on the waterfront, the feedback has been good.

According to Paul McGeachie, the show's executive director, the closer proximity to downtown Vancouver means the show is able to attract more visitors during office lunch breaks, as well as tourists visiting the city from other parts of the province, and even the country. In fact, Tourism Vancouver has the auto show listed as one of its main festival events, which will likely help to increase its visibility.

Cars are often seen as emotional objects and even in the digital age, nothing beats the visceral experience of sitting in a vehicle and trying it out for size. With the Greater Vancouver Area currently seen as a pioneer when it comes to eco-friendly transportation, a big attraction at this year's auto show is expected to be the Green Ride and Drive program.

Designed to highlight the latest developments in alternative propulsion, including hybrids and pure battery electric vehicles, it's also a true hand's-on attraction. Consumers will have a chance to test drive vehicles from major manufacturers including Ford, Nissan, Honda and Toyota, giving them a real world perspective on what they are like on the open road. The Green Ride and Drive Program will be located in front of the convention centre on the Canada Place roadway. Consumers who are interested in sampling the cars will be offered test drives on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There's lots to see and do at the auto show. CONTRIBUTED

"We are thrilled to be able to do this," said McGeachie, who acknowledged that the drive program was made possible due to co-operation with both the convention centre and the city of Vancouver.

Besides the test drives, green vehicle shoppers will also get to check out the BC Hydro educational display and learn about the growing electric vehicle infrastructure and what it means, not only for Vancouver, but also for the province.

# Debuts. Introducing a spate of new models

A highlight for many attendees will be the latest new car offerings and the 2013 Vancouver International Auto Show will boast a number of premieres, both of production and concept models.

There will be several Canadian debuts and a number of regional unveilings. Making their appearance for the first time in this country are the Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG GT roadster and the Volkswagen Super Beetle, while regional firsts include the 2014 Chevrolet Impala and Silverado pickup, plus the compact Trax crossover and two concepts that were seen earlier this year in Montreal — the Code 130R and Tru 140S; cars aimed at different ends of the youth spectrum.

BMW will introduce a spate of models to the West Coast, including the hot M6 Gran Coupe, 3-Series wagon and diesel, while Fiat is bringing the 2014 500L. Other notable regional debuts include the MINI John Cooper Works Paceman, the 2014 Mitsubishi Outlander, and new 2013 Subaru XV Crosstrek and 2014 Legacy models, the latter in both turbo and normally aspirated guises.

The 2013 Subaru XV Crosstrek. CONTRIBUTED

Other key attractions this year will include the return of the popular Exotics supercar display. For the 2013 event, McLaren, a new manufacturer, will make its debut, highlighting its latest road-going offering, the MP4-12C. This also coincides with the opening of McLaren's first ever retail location in Vancouver. McLaren will be joining the ranks of other such prestigious marques as Aston Martin, Bentley, Bugatti, Ferrari, Lamborghini and Lotus at the show.

Fiat is bringing the 2014 500L to the Vancouver International Auto Show. CONTRIBUTED

As classic car season gears up once again, there will be a display of premium iron from years past that will likely whet the appetite for enthusiasts of vintage machinery. Sponsored by collector car insurance specialists Hagerty Canada, the Classic Alley will also have resident expert Nigel Mathews on hand to answer questions about vintage vehicles and collector car insurance.

This year's show will also see the return of the Redline Stage, which will provide a variety of entertainment acts during the course of the show, as well as the annual special "drive up" guests who pull up outside the main entrance of the convention centre.

As in past years, organizers say the details of these mystery guests won't be revealed until just prior to the show, suggesting that interested parties either visit the show's website, vancouverinternationalautoshow.com, or its Twitter feed #vias to get the latest information.

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